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***Via Electronic Mail and Hand-Delivery***

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: Docket No. DE 11-\_\_\_; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid  
2012 Retail Rate Adjustment**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to request that the Commission open a docket to consider the annual retail rate adjustment filing by Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid relating to National Grid's stranded cost and transmission charges. National Grid anticipates making its full filing on or before November 30, 2011, but is providing advance notice to the Commission because of the need to schedule a hearing date in December and provide appropriate public notice of the proceeding. The proposed rates will be for effect with service rendered on and after January 1, 2012. The average rates anticipated to be proposed for 2012 and the rates currently in effect are set forth below for the Commission's information. The Company's full filing will provide the rates on a class-specific basis.

<u>Charge or Factor</u>	<u>2011(¢/kWh)</u>	<u>2012(¢/kWh)</u>	<u>Change</u>
Stranded Cost Charge (avg.)	0.020¢	0.080¢	0.060¢
Transmission Service Charge (avg.)	<u>1.577¢</u>	<u>1.554¢</u>	<u>(0.023¢)</u>
Total	1.597¢	1.634¢	0.037¢

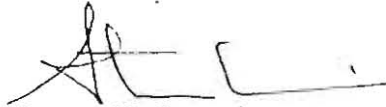
If approved, the rates being proposed by National Grid would result in an average increase of \$0.55 per month or 0.81%, from \$68.12 per month to \$68.67 per month for the typical residential customer on Default Service using 500 kWh per month. In addition, a bill comparison for a Default Service residential customer with usage of 672 kWh, which is the average monthly usage over the twelve month period from November 2010 through October

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2011, shows an increase of \$0.74 per month or 0.80% as compared to rates in effect today, or a bill increase of from \$92.30 to \$93.04.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven V. Camerino', with a stylized, elongated horizontal stroke at the end.

Steven V. Camerino

cc: Meredith A. Hatfield, Esq., Consumer Advocate  
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