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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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**Re: State of New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, Docket DE 15-062  
New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid  
Motion to Alter Crossing Approval Granted Pursuant to Order No. 25,838 (the  
“License”)**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed please find an original and six copies of a Motion of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP”) to alter its license to cross the Connecticut River granted pursuant to Order No. 25,838. Electronic copies have also been provided to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“PUC” or “Commission”) and Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”).

NEP is currently refurbishing and reconstructing portions of the 90 year old 3315 circuit, a 34.5 kV electric transmission line circuit between the Moore Hydroelectric Generating Station in Littleton, NH and the Comerford Hydroelectric Generating Station in Monroe, NH. As part of the circuit refurbishment, NEP petitioned the Commission for a license to cross the Connecticut River in two locations. The Commission granted the petition request on September 24, 2015; the PUC amended the license to clarify the location of the crossing on November 3, 2015.

NEP has since commenced construction activities to refurbish the circuit. While preparing for the construction of the foundations on the eastern side of the Connecticut River, NEP determined that the original proposed location for Structure WT2 did not have a firm foundation. NEP also learned that the original proposed location would not be able to avoid an intermittent stream as previously planned. To eliminate the potential for construction defects related to the foundation and potential disruptions to the flow path of the intermittent stream, NEP seeks to alter the location of Structure WT2 by moving it 97 feet south by southwest. The structure move will increase clearance over the river and shorten the distance of the overall span length. The proposed structure move, as well as the entire project, has been designed and will be constructed in accordance with the 2012 National Electrical Safety Code C2-202 (“NESC”).

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NEP respectfully requests that the Commission review this motion as soon as practicable. To meet its in-service timeline, NEP seeks to begin pouring cement for its foundations near the river crossing before May 31, 2016, which will ensure that construction of the structure and wire stringing can be complete before the end of August when outage work is scheduled to commence on August 31, 2016. NEP respectfully requests that the Committee conduct its review of this minor alteration to the approved crossing to permit the crossing to be constructed on schedule.

Please contact me directly should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas B. Getz", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Thomas B. Getz

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