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**VIA OVERNIGHT AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

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**Re: New Hampshire December 2008 Ice Storm Assessment Report (Updated Draft)**

Dear Ms. Fabrizio:

Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) has reviewed the most recent draft of NEI’s Ice Storm Assessment Report and notes that many of the factual errors have not been corrected. Specifically, NEI failed to correct the errors identified by National Grid in items 3, 6, and 11-15 of its October 16, 2009 correspondence to Mr. Keith Malmedal. These are clear factual errors that need to be addressed.

National Grid also continues to have concerns with the overall report, as outlined in its correspondence of October 19, 2009 to you. The major concern remains that National Grid is lumped together with the other utilities, which unfairly minimizes its performance during the storm. Also, there is little to no factual support for the conclusions/recommendation as they pertain to National Grid. In fact, in the majority of cases, the preceding sections of the report cite no deficiencies or criticisms of National Grid’s performance, yet the Company is unfairly grouped with the other utilities under the broad conclusions/recommendations.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully submitted,



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