

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 08-011**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On February 1, 2008, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid) filed a letter notifying the Commission that, on February 13, 2008, National Grid would issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to procure default service for the period beginning May 1, 2008. National Grid filed the notice pursuant to a Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket No. DE 05-126, *Granite State Electric Company*, 91 NH PUC 6 (2006). National Grid solicits default service supply for its medium and large commercial and industrial customer group (Large Customer Group) every three months for 100 percent (100%) of three months of supply. National Grid then develops rates for the Large Customer Group based on the winning bid contract prices, with fixed monthly prices that vary from month-to-month. For its residential and small commercial customer group (Small Customer Group), National Grid solicits prices for 100 percent (100%) of six month's requirements and sets a fixed rate for the six-month period using a six-month weighted average. With the RFPs issued on February 13, 2008, National Grid is seeking a three-month default service supply for the period from May 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 for the Large Customer Group and a six-month default service supply for the period from May 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008 for the Small Customer Group.

National Grid said that it would request two bids for power supply, one for energy only default service supply, with a pass-through of capacity costs, and one for an all-inclusive energy

and capacity default service product, consistent with the Settlement Agreement. National Grid also stated that it will include in its default service filing the calculation of the approved adder for compliance with the recently-enacted Renewable Portfolio Standards law (RSA 362-F). According to the company, National Grid will receive indicative bids on or before March 5, 2008, and final pricing on or before March 12, 2008.

As noted above, National Grid issues an RFP each quarter to procure default service supply for its Large Customer Group and every six months for its Small Customer Group. The approximate schedule for public hearings on the issuances, including the instant RFP, follows:

March 2008	RFP for three months supply for Large Customer Group (May through July, 2008); and six months supply for the Small Customer Group (May through October, 2008)
May 2008	RFP for three month supply for Large Customer Group (August through October, 2008)
August 2008	RFP for three month supply for Large Customer Group (November, 2008 through January, 2009) and six months supply for Small Customer Group (November, 2008 through April, 2009)
November 2008	RFP for three months supply for Large Customer Group (February through April, 2009)

The Commission designates Docket No. DE 08-011 as the docket number for all of National Grid's 2008 power supply solicitations.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the rates resulting from National Grid's solicitation of default service supply are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:5 and 7; and whether National Grid has procured default service consistent with the principles of the electric utility restructuring statute (RSA 374-F:3(V)(c)-(e)). Each party has the right to have an attorney represent them at their own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

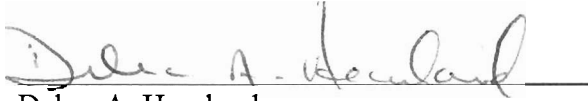
**ORDERED**, that, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin Rules Puc 203.12 a Hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on March 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, National Grid shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 6, 2008, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 19, 2008; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to National Grid and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 14, 2008, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I (b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before March 19, 2008.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of February, 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director & Secretary

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