

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 09-085, Public Service Company of New Hampshire
DE 09-086, National Grid/Granite State Electric Company
DE 09-087, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc.
DE 09-088, Until Energy Systems, Inc.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to RSA 162-H:17, Public Service Company of New Hampshire, National Grid/Granite State Electric Company, New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., and Until Energy Systems, Inc. submitted their annual, updated long range plans for Bulk Power Supply Facilities for 2009. Pursuant to RSA 162-H:18, II, the Department of Environmental Services, on behalf of the Site Evaluation Committee, delegated to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission its authority to “review, comment upon and make public” long range plans for bulk power supply facilities.

Set forth below is a review and summary of the respective long range plans. The plans are consistent with the filing requirements of RSA 162-H:17 and, inasmuch as they are filed for informational purposes, no further action is contemplated by the Commission. To the extent any underlying substantive issues might arise, they will be addressed in a timely manner in an appropriate proceeding before the Commission or site application proceeding before the Site Evaluation Committee as the facts and law dictate. Issuance of this Public Notice does not constitute approval of any of the proposed projects listed herein.

1. National Grid¹

- New England Power Company (NEP) has tentative plans to build a 345 kV transmission line from the Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)-owned Scobie Pond substation in Londonderry, New Hampshire to the Massachusetts state line at Pelham, New Hampshire and /Dracut, Massachusetts. A projected in-service date for this line has not been determined at this time, inasmuch as the construction of bulk power electric transmission facilities are coordinated through the Independent System Operator of New England's regional system planning process. The analysis will be undertaken in the Greater Boston Transmission System Study which includes parts of southeastern New Hampshire. The results of that study are scheduled for completion in early Summer 2009. Currently, the project proposes construction adjacent to existing transmission lines for a distance of approximately eighteen miles in New Hampshire. Approximately six miles of the eighteen miles would be along Public Service Company of New Hampshire's right-of-way and the remaining along existing New England Power right-of-way. This is subject to change depending on the outcome of the study.

¹ National Grid submitted its Annual Report on Long Range Plans for Bulk Power Facilities on behalf of Granite State Electric Company (GSEC) d/b/a National Grid, New England Power Company (NEP), New England Electric Transmission Corporation and New England Hydro-Transmission Corporation.

2. Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH)

- PSNH has tentative plans to construct a 36.4 mile, 115 kV transmission line from Deerfield to Laconia of which 18.9 miles will be along existing routes. PSNH possesses a Certificate of Site and Facility for this project; however, the construction schedule is undetermined.
- PSNH has tentative plans to participate in a joint project with National Grid. See Paragraph 1 above for details.

3. Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES)

- UES does not anticipate building any transmission projects rated at or above 100 kilovolts (kV) during the next ten to fifteen years.

4. New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (NHEC)

- NHEC does not anticipate building any transmission projects rated at or above 100 kilovolts (kV) during the next ten to fifteen years.

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PUBLIC INSPECTION

The subject 2009 filings are available for public inspection at the office of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (NHPUC), 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire. Its normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The general switchboard number at the NHPUC is (603) 271-2431. Comments on the above plans may be submitted to the Executive Director at the NHPUC on or before September 1, 2009.

Dated this fourth day of August, 2009.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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