

Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid  
Default Service  
Docket No. DE 10-020  
Exhibit 9  
March 19, 2010

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Request:

Please provide a breakdown of the components of the small customer group total retail default service rate that contribute to the 1.7% decrease from the current rate of 7.280 cents per kWh to the proposed rate of 7.155 cents per kWh.

Response:

Please see attachment to this response for the components that contribute to the 1.7% decrease in the small customer group total retail default service rate. The decrease in the base default service rate in column (3) line (1) and the slight decrease in the Renewable Portfolio Standard Adder in column (3) line (2) are partially offset by increases in the Default Service Adjustment Factor and the Default Service Cost Reclassification Factor in column (3), lines (3) and (4), respectively.

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Small Customer Group Default Service Rate Comparison

<u>Small Customer Group</u> (Rates D, D-10, G-3, M, T and V)	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u> (3)	<u>Percentage Change</u> (4)
	Effective	Effective		
	<u>Nov '09- Apr '10</u> (1)	<u>May '10- Oct '10</u> (2)		
Weighted Average Base Default Service Rate (\$/kWh)	\$0.07252	\$0.06711	(\$0.00541)	
Default Service Reconciliation Adjustment Factor (\$/kWh)	(\$0.00285)	\$0.00123	\$0.00408	
Default Service Cost Reclassification Adjustment Factor (\$/kWh)	\$0.00071	\$0.00091	\$0.00020	
Renewable Portfolio Standard Adder (\$/kWh) (5)	<u>\$0.00242</u>	<u>\$0.00230</u>	(\$0.00012)	
Total Default Service Rate per kWh	\$0.07280	\$0.07155	(\$0.00125)	-1.72%

- (1) Approved by the Commission by Order No. 25,013 in Docket No. DE 09-010 dated September 21, 2009  
(2) Schedule SMM-2, Page 1 of 1  
(3) Column (2) - Column (1)  
(4) Column (3) ÷ Column (1)  
(5) Current rate is a weighted average of the RPS Adder of \$0.00191 per kWh for the months of Nov '09 and Dec '09 and \$0.00262 for the months of Jan '10 through "Apr '10.