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*Via Electronic Mail and Hand-Delivery*

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301



**Re: Docket No. DE 11-016; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period August 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011 for the Large Customer Group**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 6, 2011, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid” or “Company”) plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to procure default service for the period August 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011 for its Large Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 in Docket DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (December 19, 2008), National Grid plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis, i.e., an all inclusive bid price.

I am submitting, for notice purposes, National Grid’s proposed timeline for this RFP, which was provided as part of its most recent default service filing.

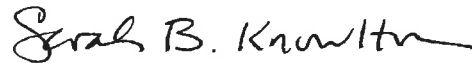
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| RFP                                  | May 2011 RFP   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| RFP Issued                           | May 6, 2011    |
| Indicative Bids Due                  | June 1, 2011   |
| Final Bids Due                       | June 8, 2011   |
| Contract Execution                   | June 9, 2011   |
| Default Service Filing to Commission | June 14, 2011  |
| Commission Order Needed              | June 21, 2011  |
| Service Begins                       | August 1, 2011 |

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,



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Celia O'Brien, Esq.