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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
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Re: Docket No. DE 12-_____ ; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period May 1, 2012 to July 31, 2012 for the Large Customer Group and May 1, 2012 to October 31, 2012 for the Small Customer Group

Dear Ms. Howland:

On February 10, 2012, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (the "Company") plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals ("RFP") to procure default service for the period May 1, 2012 through and including July 31, 2012 for its Large Customer Group and the period May 1, 2012 through and including October 31, 2012 for its Small Customer Group. Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 (January 13, 2006) in Docket No. DE 05-126 as modified by Order No. 24,922 (December 19, 2008) in Docket No. DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (the "Settlement Agreement"), the Company plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis and an all-inclusive bid price.


For notice purposes, I submit the Company's proposed timeline for the February RFP and the next successive RFP, which was provided as part of the Company's most recent default service filing in Docket No. DE 11-016.

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RFP	February 2012 RFP	May 2012 RFP
RFP Issued	February 10, 2012	May 11, 2012
Indicative Bids Due	March 7, 2012	June 6, 2012
Final Bids Due	March 14, 2012	June 13, 2012
Contract Execution	March 15, 2012	June 14, 2012
Default Service Filing to Commission	March 20, 2012	June 19, 2012
Commission Order Needed	March 27, 2012	June 26, 2012
Service Begins	May 1, 2012	August 1, 2012

In light of the pending National Grid sale in Docket No. DG 11-040, the Company believes that it would not be appropriate to set a schedule for the remainder of calendar year 2012 at this time, but it is the Company's intention to follow the procurement requirements set forth in the Settlement Agreement for all remaining default service procurements this year.

Thank you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

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