

June 1, 2006

VIA HAND DELIVERY & ELECTRONIC MAIL

Luly E. Massaro, Commission Clerk
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Docket 3605 – Last Resort Service Market Assessment

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Enclosed are ten copies of The Narragansett Electric Company's, d/b/a/ National Grid ("National Grid"), Last Resort Service ("LRS") Market Assessment, as required by Commission Order No. 18495 (January 11, 2006) in this proceeding. As set forth in the LRS Market Assessment (Attachment 1 to this filing), based on its review of the New England wholesale and Rhode Island competitive retail markets, as well as discussions with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers, National Grid recommends that it continue to procure LRS under the current LRS Acquisition Plan approved by the Commission.

Pursuant to Section 1.2(g) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, National Grid hereby requests confidential and privileged treatment of Figure 3 in the LRS Market Assessment. Figure 3 of the LRS Market Assessment contains commercially sensitive market information, the disclosure of which could affect National Grid's ability to negotiate competitive terms with its wholesale suppliers. In compliance with Rule 1.2(g), National Grid is providing one complete unredacted copy of the confidential document in a sealed envelope marked "**Contains Privileged and Confidential Materials – Do Not Release.**" Copies of the confidential document are also being provided to Paul Roberti and Steve Scialabba representing the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers.

Attachment 2 to this filing is National Grid's latest form of contract for the Power Supply Agreement to be issued with National Grid's Request for Proposal. The form of contract is marked to show changes to reflect best practices since the previous solicitation. Attachment 2 also contains the form of contract for a Master Power Agreement that National Grid plans to provide to selected suppliers as part of the next solicitation. As with prior solicitations and the currently approved LRS Acquisition Plan, National Grid will reserve its right to negotiate specific contract changes suppliers as part of the next solicitation. As with prior solicitations and the currently approved LRS Acquisition Plan, National Grid will reserve its right to negotiate specific contract changes

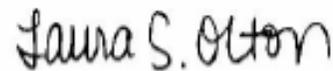
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with suppliers, but will ensure that any such changes do not shift risks or obligations described in the LRS Acquisition Plan.

National Grid is in the process of developing a Renewable Energy Procurement Plan, as required by the Commission's Renewable Energy Standard ("RES") Rules. National Grid does not expect the RES Procurement Plan to be reviewed and approved prior to the completion of the next LRS procurement. National Grid will be filing a proposal to include an adder to both the LRS and Standard Offer Service retail rates to include the cost of complying with the RES shortly. Any such proposed adder will be reconciled with actual RES obligation costs incurred in compliance with an approved RES Procurement Plan, as part of the existing LRS reconciliation

Thank you for your attention to this filing. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 401-784-7667.

Very truly yours,



Laura S. Olton

Enclosures

cc: Docket 3605 Service List
Paul Roberti, Esq. (w/confidential enc.)
Steve Scialabba, Division (w/confidential enc.)

The Narragansett Electric Company
Last Resort Service Acquisition Plan, Docket 3605
June 2006 Market Assessment

Background

Rhode Island General Laws § 39-1-27.3(c) requires electric distribution companies, such as The Narragansett Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid (“National Grid”), to provide Last Resort Service (“LRS”) to any customers who have left standard offer service for any reason and are not otherwise receiving electric service from non-regulated power producers.

Rather than approving the actual LRS rates, the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) has been granted the authority by the General Assembly to approve a LRS acquisition plan that includes the acquisition procedure, the pricing options being sought, and the proposed term of service for which LRS will be provided (“LRS Acquisition Plan”). As long as National Grid complies with an approved LRS Acquisition Plan, it is entitled to recover its costs associated with providing LRS.

In accordance with its obligations under R.I.G.L. § 39-1-27.3(c), on November 1, 2005, National Grid filed with Commission its most recent Market Assessment and Recommendations for the procurement of LRS for the period March 2006 through October 2006. At its December 22, 2005 open meeting and in Order No. 18495 (January 11, 2006), the Commission approved National Grid’s proposal to follow the LRS Acquisition Plan previously approved by the Commission in Order Nos. 18250 (May 24, 2005), 18122 (Jan. 11, 2005), and 17903 (July 12, 2004). The Commission also required National Grid to file a market assessment by June 1, 2006 to determine whether National Grid should continue to procure LRS according to the approved LRS Acquisition Plan. This report contains National Grid’s current market assessment and recommendations for procuring LRS.

Recommendation

Based on its current assessment of the New England wholesale and Rhode Island competitive retail markets and discussions with the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers (“Division”), National Grid recommends that it continue to procure LRS for the November 2006 through April 2007 period under the current LRS Acquisition Plan approved by the Commission. Specifically, National Grid proposes to procure LRS supply for both the Commercial & Industrial (“C&I”) Customer Group and the Residential Customer Group for the six-month period November 2006 through April 2007 in conjunction with the procurement of Basic Service for National Grid’s customers in Massachusetts and Energy Service for its customers in New Hampshire, for which the Request for Proposal (“RFP”) is scheduled to be issued in mid-August 2006. For this next procurement period, National Grid proposes using the same RFP process and standard form agreement approved by the Commission in Docket 3605.¹

¹ As explained later, National Grid is proposing some edits to the standard form agreement that provide additional clarification and/or reflect best practices since the previous solicitation. None of these edits shift risks or costs between the supplier and National Grid.

Market Assessment

National Grid has assessed the New England wholesale and Rhode Island competitive retail markets since the February 2006 LRS procurement to determine if there have been any significant changes that warrant a change in the procurement process contained in its LRS Acquisition Plan.

Specifically, National Grid evaluated:

- Wholesale energy market trends;
- Lessons learned from previous RFPs;
- Compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard;
- Wholesale market rule changes approved and implemented since the last procurement;
- Anticipated wholesale market rule changes that may become effective during the period covered by the next solicitation;
- Recent procurement practices of other New England utilities;
- Changes in the number of customers taking competitive retail supply in Rhode Island; and
- Changes in the number of customers enrolled in LRS or the quantity of load to be served.

The following discussion summarizes National Grid's analysis.

Wholesale Energy Market Trends

The clearing price in the wholesale energy spot market has trended upward over the last few years, with the trend peaking in the fall of 2005. The most significant cause of this peak was the then-current cost of natural gas in response to the supply disruptions and increasing market demand for natural gas. See Figure 1. In its most recent market analysis,² the Independent System Operator of New England ("ISO-NE") has determined that the supply of energy is adequate to meet the near-term needs of New England, but new generation will be required to meet load growth in two to four years.

Over the last year the price of natural gas reached historic levels. A comparison of the futures market price of natural gas from the last LRS procurement to current market conditions is found in Figure 2. As shown, natural gas forward prices for the 12-month period beginning November 2006 have remained at similar levels when comparing the two time periods. For fossil fueled generating plants, the cost of fuel is the largest variable production cost. As fuel costs rise, the supply price offers that generators place in the market will also rise. In the NEPOOL market, natural gas and gas/oil fired

² See ISO-NE 2005 Third Quarter Markets Report.

generating plants account for over 52% of the generating units and were the marginal supply units used to set the market clearing price 66% of the time in the third quarter of 2005³. Until there is a significant change that reduces the current natural gas futures market price level, it is expected that the wholesale electricity prices will remain at current record levels.

The current simple average retail LRS rate for the C&I Customer Group for the period May 2006 through October 2006 is 10.943¢/kWh. Using two methods, we have estimated the expected cost for the November 2006 through April 2007 period based on the NYMEX future prices for natural gas and electricity. This estimate does not factor in the cost of the proposed transition payments included in the LICAP settlement agreement. A confidential summary of this forecast is found in Figure 3. As shown, this analysis indicates that expected prices for the November 2006 through April 2007 period are similar to those received in the last RFP.

Lessons Learned From Previous RFPs

As approved by the Commission in Order No. 18495, National Grid plans to seek bids for LRS at the same time as bids for Basic Service in Massachusetts and Energy Service in New Hampshire. In the RFP issued in February 2006 for Basic Service in Massachusetts and Energy Service in New Hampshire, National Grid received a number of bids for Energy Service in New Hampshire. This indicates that bidders are more willing to bid on these smaller services when combined with larger services. National Grid expects that it will see the same bidder behavior when LRS is included in the next RFP for Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Although combined in a common RFP, the LRS procurement will be separate from the Massachusetts Basic Service and New Hampshire Energy Service requirements. Thus, the LRS procurement process will still reflect any unique requirements that National Grid or the Commission believes are needed to produce a successful LRS solicitation, and will protect the interests of Rhode Island customers. The Rhode Island LRS procurement process and resulting rates will remain subject to review by the Commission and would not be subject to regulatory review by the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy or the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission.

Compliance With The Renewable Energy Standard

Beginning in 2007, each obligated entity in Rhode Island is required to comply with the Rhode Island Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”).⁴ For 2007, the RES requires each

³ See ISO-NE 2005 Third Quarter Markets Report.

⁴ Rhode Island Gen. Laws. § 39-26-1, et seq. See also Commission’s Rules and Regulations Governing the Implementation of a Renewable Energy Standard (effective January 1, 2006). Under the RES, an obligated entity is a person or entity that sells electrical energy to end-use customers in Rhode Island, including electric utility distribution companies supplying standard offer service, last resort service, or any successor service to end-use customers. R.I.G.L. 39-26-2(16).

obligated entity to show that at least 2.0% of its resources are provided from either existing or new renewable energy resources and at least 1.0% of its resources are provided from only new renewable energy resources. As required in the Commission's RES Rules, National Grid must file a Renewable Energy Procurement Plan ("Procurement Plan") with the Commission prior to the procurement of any NEPOOL GIS Certificates from Eligible Renewable Energy Resources (see Section 8.2 of the RES Rules).

National Grid is currently developing such a Procurement Plan with a filing expected mid-summer. Since National Grid does not expect to have the Procurement Plan approved prior to the receipt of final bids for LRS, and at this time the Commission has not yet issued certifications for generation resources that meet the RES, National Grid is not requesting suppliers responding to its RFP to include the cost of meeting the RES obligation in their LRS bids. National Grid will shortly be filing a separate proposal to include an RES adder to the LRS procurement costs for January 2007 through April 2007 and for Standard Offer Service in 2007. Such a RES adder will be proposed to be based on the Alternative Compliance Payment included in the RES Rules for the new renewable energy resource obligation and the market price of certificates for existing renewable energy resources that are currently used to meet similar obligations in other jurisdictions. Any such proposed adder will be reconciled with actual RES obligation costs incurred in compliance with an approved Procurement Plan, as part of the existing LRS reconciliation.

Approved Wholesale Market Rule Changes

On May 12, 2006, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") issued its order approving the Ancillary Services Market Phase II ("ASM II") proposal filed by NEPOOL and ISO-NE on February 6, 2006. This proposal includes plans for Locational Forward Reserve markets and real-time reserve pricing. The proposal intends to recognize and value the need for additional quick-start reserve capacity in import constrained regions that routinely dispatch Reliability Must Run ("RMR") units to cover local second contingency reliability requirements. In addition, the ISO-NE wishes to add "co-optimization" to the real-time dispatch and pricing of energy and reserves and provide the proper price signals to these markets when an operating reserve shortage is experienced. In this order, FERC accepted the proposed tariff revisions to be effective "October 1, 2006, or later, as requested, subject to ISO-New England's written notice to the Commission and NEPOOL not less than two weeks prior to implementation." It is expected that the October 1, 2006 implementation will be achieved. Due to the locational nature of ASM II, National Grid does not expect its LRS customers to see a significant increase in operating reserve costs related to ASM II. It is expected that any incremental costs will occur primarily in the zones that traditionally experience higher levels of congestion and shortages in local operating reserves (NEMA and CT). The proposed power supply agreement clearly places responsibility for these operating reserve costs with the supplier.

Anticipated Wholesale Market Rule Changes

Since National Grid's November 1, 2005 Market Assessment, a settlement agreement has been filed with FERC which, if accepted, will resolve all issues associated with the locational installed capacity ("LICAP") proceeding. The agreement, filed on March 6, 2006, proposes a competitive forward capacity market ("FCM") using auctions to procure capacity resources three years in advance of the commitment period (e.g. 2008 auction for commitment period beginning in 2011). The proposed settlement also consists of negotiated fixed payment levels for all qualifying capacity resources during the transition to the FCM. Transition payments are proposed to start at \$3.05/kW-month in December 2006 and increase to \$4.10/kW-month before ending in May 2010. The first FCM commitment period, with capacity payments then based on the forward auction clearing prices, is expected to begin on June 1, 2010. The settlement agreement filing requests FERC approval, without modifications, by June 30, 2006, and proposes to file all rules necessary for the transition period by October 1, 2006.

National Grid is proposing to require suppliers to include capacity costs in their bids ("all-inclusive price"). If FERC issues an order that delays implementation of or significantly changes the proposed settlement prior to the receipt of final bids, National Grid may request suppliers to provide bids that do not include capacity costs in the bid price. National Grid would instead compensate suppliers for their actual market costs based on the final capacity market rules ("pass-through price"). The "pass-through price" approach was proposed and approved in National Grid's November 1, 2005 Market Assessment. If the "pass-through price" option is requested of suppliers, this option will limit exposing LRS customers to premium prices due to continuing capacity market uncertainties.

Benchmarking Against Other Recent New England Solicitations

National Grid has reviewed requests for proposals that have been issued by other New England distribution companies since the November 2005 Market Assessment [TMB1]to determine if there are other procurement or contracting practices that are being used that should be adapted as part of the next LRS solicitation. After review of these RFPs, National Grid has not found any practices that should be changed or included in the LRS Acquisition Plan. National Grid believes the LRS Acquisition Plan approved by the Commission continues to represent the best practices for the procurement of LRS and does not require any additional changes.

Rhode Island's Competitive Retail Market

The total number of customers taking competitive supply in Rhode Island increased by 178 customers, or 6%, since the November 1, 2005 filing in this docket. See Figure 4. This indicates that a number of National Grid's largest customers have been willing to review competitive offers and take service from a non-regulated power producer. Based on net customer count changes for LRS and Standard Offer Service, it appears that

approximately 95 Standard Offer Service customers may have elected to take service from non-regulated power producers. Thus, non-regulated power producers may have been able to successfully compete against both Standard Offer Service and LRS rates currently in effect. Given the current number of customers taking service from non-regulated power producers that could potentially transfer to LRS, National Grid does not believe any additional changes in the LRS Acquisition Plan are required for the upcoming LRS solicitation.

On February 28, 2005, Standard Offer Service ended in Massachusetts. All of National Grid's customers in Massachusetts who had not selected a competitive supplier were moved to Basic Service. As shown in Figure 5, the number of National Grid customers in Massachusetts receiving service from a competitive supplier has more than doubled since the end of Standard Offer Service. As of April 2006, National Grid's Industrial Customer Group in Massachusetts (those who receive retail delivery service under Rate G-2 (medium customers) and Rate G-3 (large customers)), 65% are receiving commodity service from a competitive supplier. Competitive suppliers are providing 77% of the energy needs to National Grid's Industrial Customer Group in Massachusetts.

LRS Customers and Load Requirements

The number of customers receiving LRS has decreased 9% since National Grid's filing of the Market Assessment in November 2005. See Figure 6. Additionally, LRS load had significant volatility since the November 1, 2005 filing. See Figure 7. This is due to migration of C&I customers onto and off of LRS. Given the current number of customers receiving LRS and the potential for customers to leave competitive supply and return to LRS, National Grid does not believe any changes in the LRS Acquisition Plan are required for the upcoming solicitation.

Proposed Power Supply Agreement

As part of its continuous review of contract terms, National Grid has determined that a few changes to the agreement are needed to clarify items or provide additional protections to its customers. The changes that will be incorporated in the next solicitation are marked in the attached power supply agreement as either insertions or deletions from the power supply agreement provided in the November 1, 2005 Market Assessment. These changes to the standard form agreement provide additional clarification or reflect best practices since the previous solicitation. None of these edits shift risks or costs between the wholesale supplier and National Grid. As with prior solicitations, National Grid will reserve its right to negotiate specific contract changes with suppliers but will ensure that any such changes do not shift risks or obligations described in the LRS Acquisition Plan to its customers.

National Grid has also developed a master power supply agreement that will improve the solicitation process by reducing the amount of time needed to negotiate contract terms with potential suppliers during a solicitation. Instead of negotiating the terms of a

contract during each RFP, National Grid and a wholesale supplier would have a one-time negotiation concerning the general terms contained in a master power supply agreement. For subsequent RFPs, National Grid would only need to negotiate those terms that are specific to an RFP (e.g., price, duration, award blocks) and any terms required as a result of developments subsequent to execution of the master agreement, thus reducing the time spent administering the RFP. National Grid plans to offer the master power supply agreement to suppliers when it issues the LRS RFP in August 2006 (in conjunction with the Massachusetts and New Hampshire procurements). A copy of the draft master power agreement is also included with this Market Assessment.

Figure 1

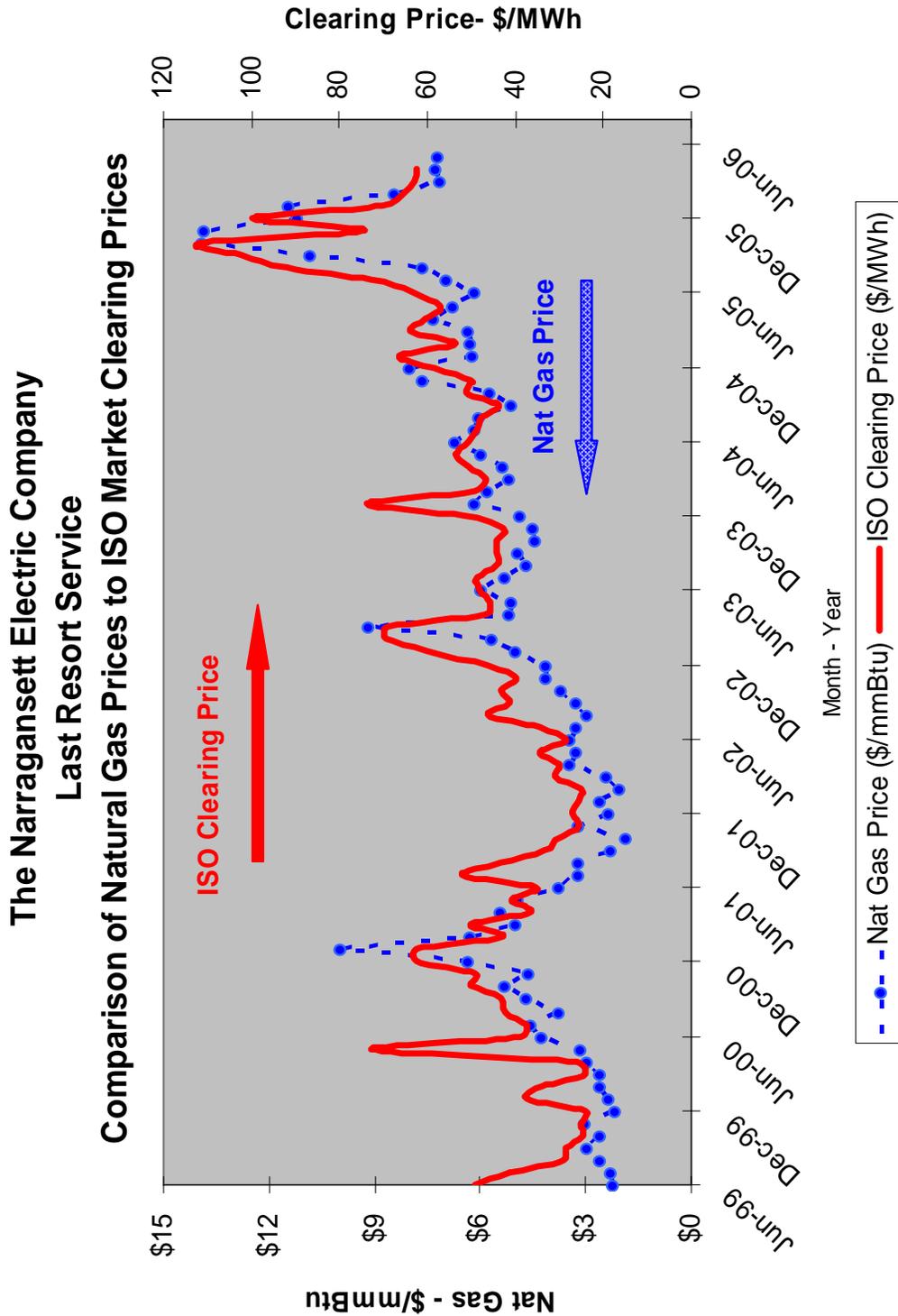


Figure 2

**NYMEX Forward Price of Natural Gas
as published in the Wall Street Journal**

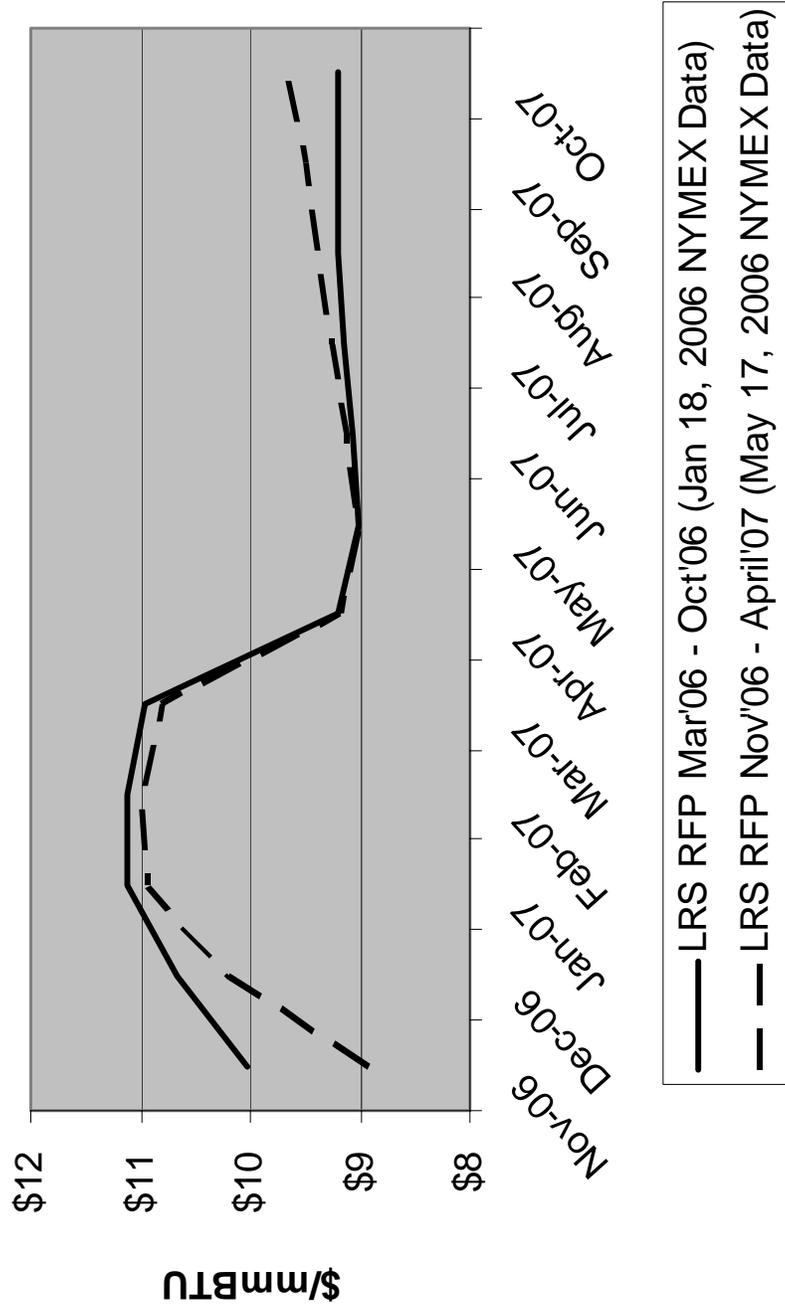


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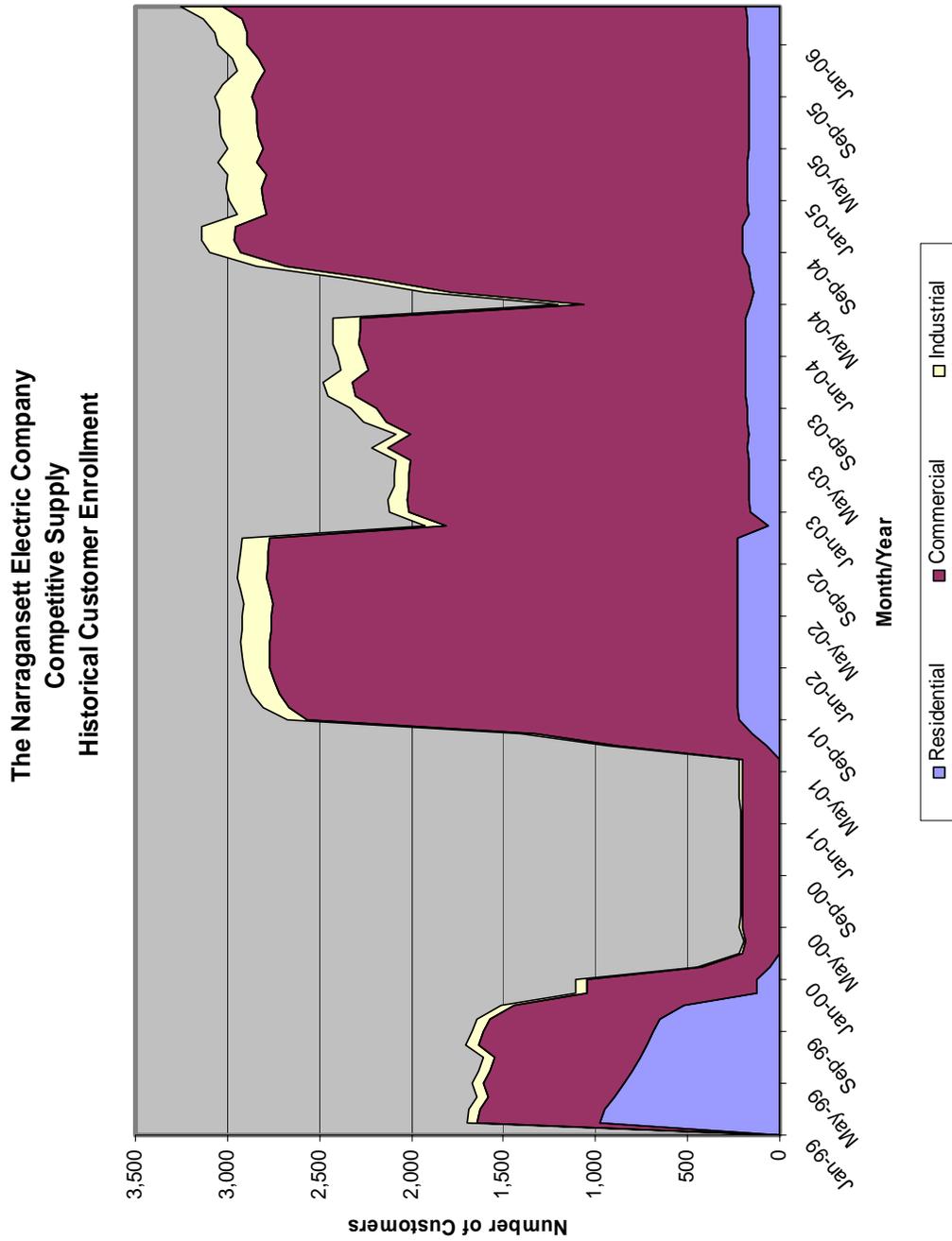


Figure 5

**Massachusetts Electric Company
 Competitive Supply
 Historical Customer Enrollment**

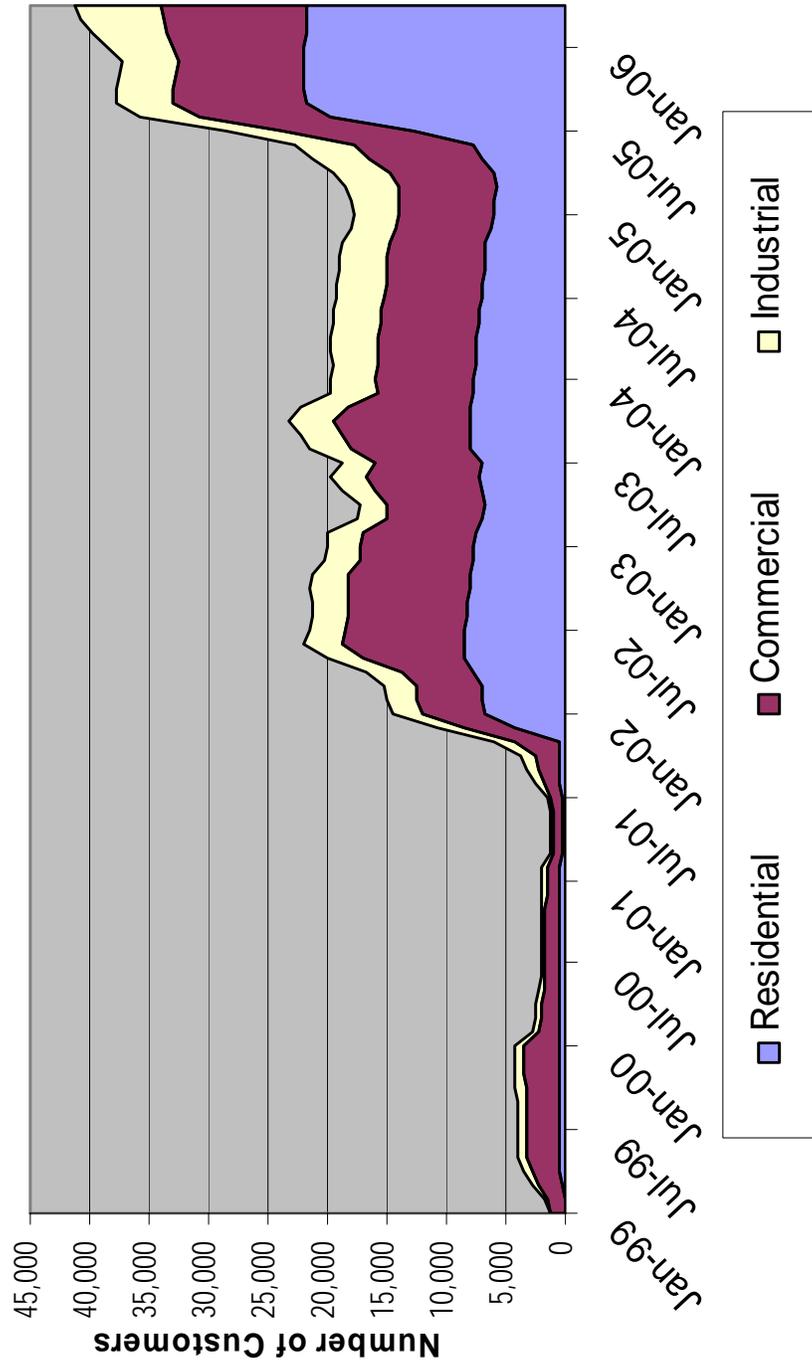


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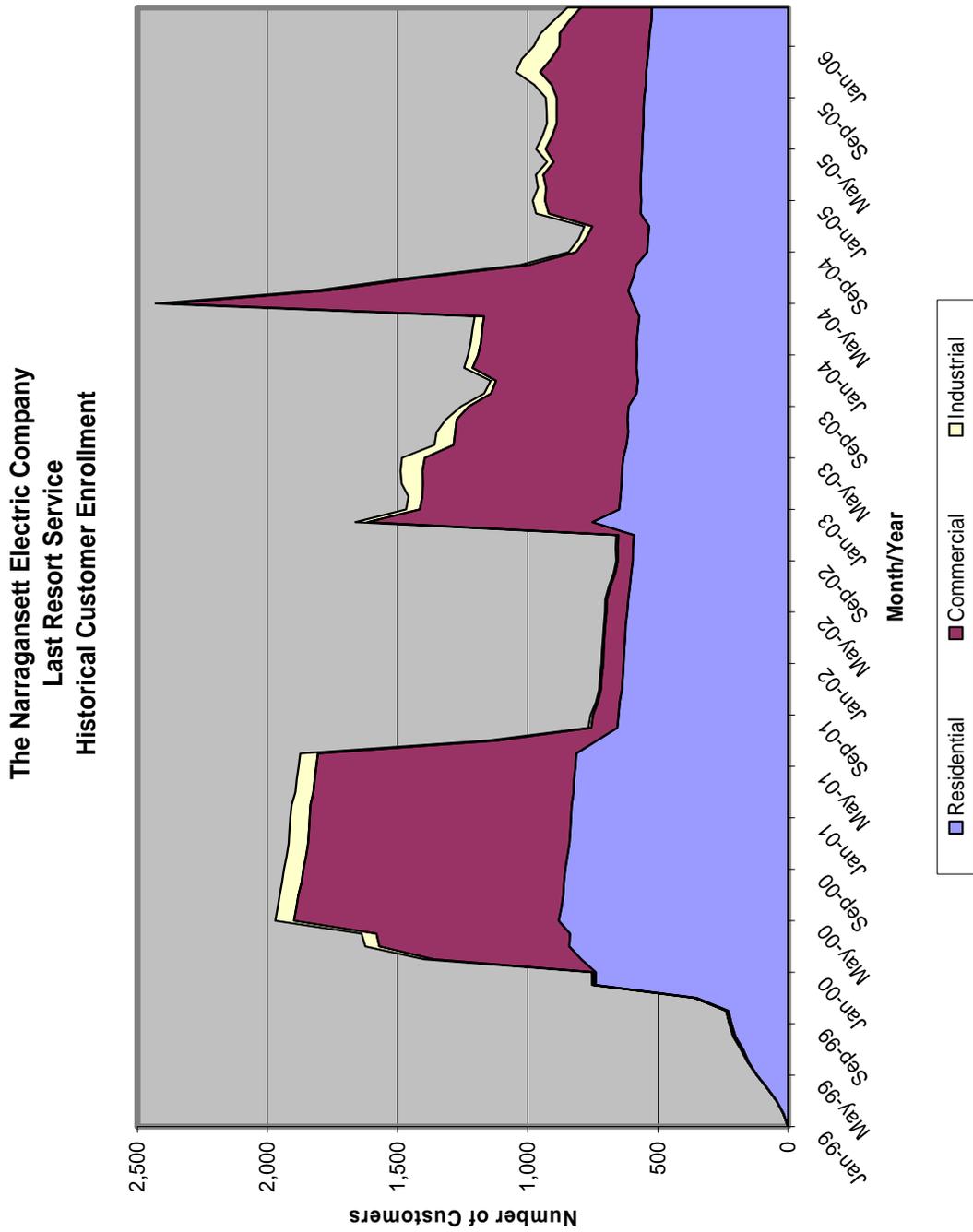
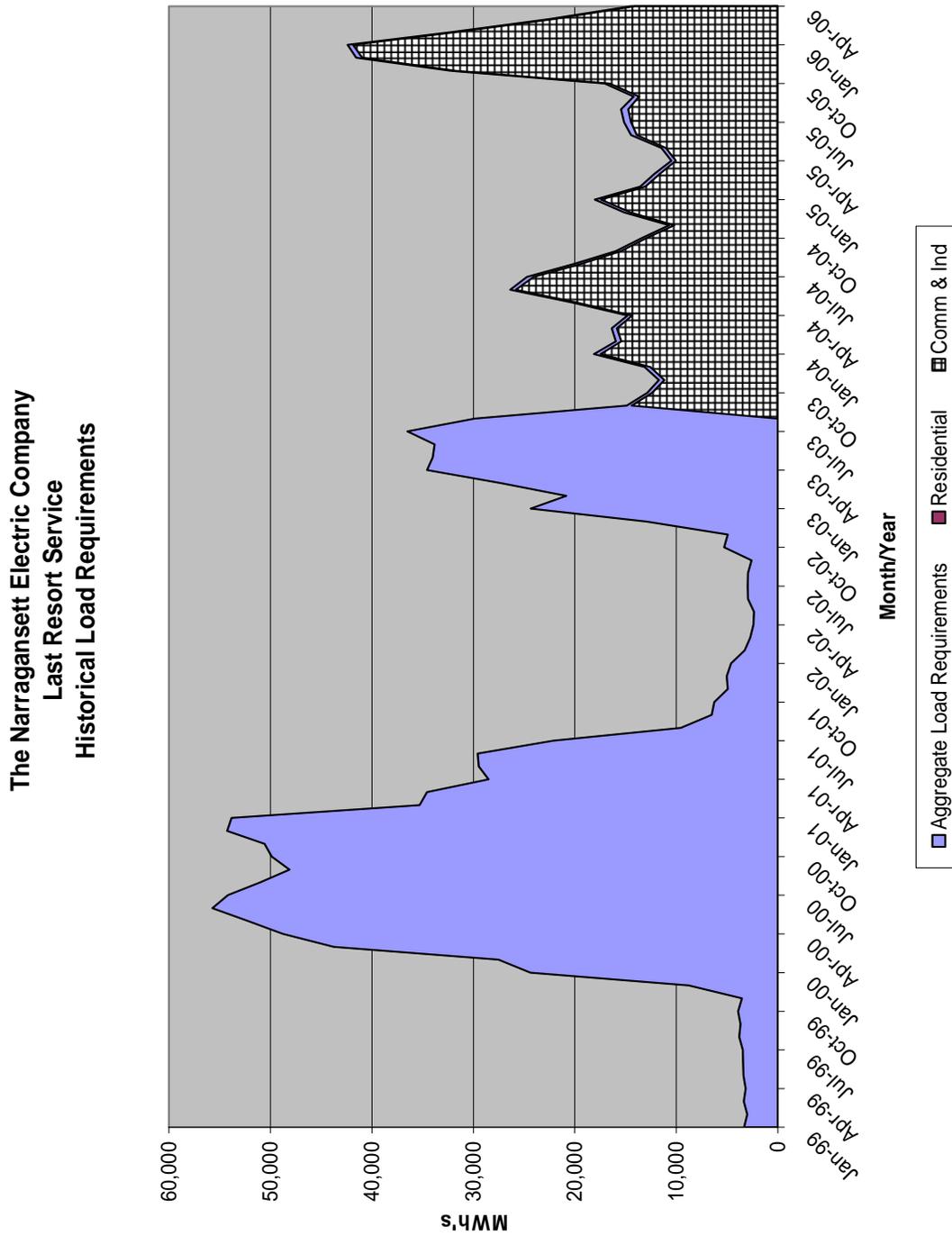


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Attachment 2

**Power Supply Agreement
(Red-lined Version)**

RHODE ISLAND POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT

This **POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT** (“Agreement”) is dated as of [date] and is by and between **THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY**, a Rhode Island corporation (“Buyer”) and [Company], a [what]. This Agreement provides for the sale by Seller of Last Resort Service, as defined herein, to the Buyer. The Buyer and Seller are referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

ARTICLE 1. BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS

Seller, in response to a Request for Proposal dated August 11, 2006 issued by the Buyer, has been selected to be the supplier of firm, load-following power to meet the Buyer’s Last Resort Service Requirements as defined in the Service Requirements Matrix found in Appendix C. This Agreement sets forth the terms under which Seller will supply Last Resort Service to Buyer for the period commencing with the beginning of the HE 0100 EPT on the Commencement Date in Appendix C and continuing through and including the end of the HE 2400 EPT on the Conclusion Date in Appendix C (the “Delivery Term(s)”).

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ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article. In addition, except as otherwise expressly provided, terms with initial capitalization used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

Affiliate means, with respect to any Party, any entity (other than a person) that, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Party. For this purpose, “control” means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

Business Day means a 24-hour period ending at 5:00 p.m. EPT, other than Saturday, Sunday and any day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Providence, Rhode Island are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

Buyer means The Narragansett Electric Company its successors, assigns, employees, agents and authorized representatives.

Buyer’s Service Territory means the geographic area served by The Narragansett Electric Company including the service territory formerly served by Blackstone Valley Electric Company and Newport Electric Corporation which has been merged with and into The Narragansett Electric Company.

Buyer’s System means the electrical transmission and distribution system of the Buyer and the electrical transmission and distribution system of any Affiliate of the Buyer.

Commencement Date means the period at HE 0100 EPT on the date set forth in Appendix C.

Commercial and Industrial Contract Rate means the value as set forth in Appendix D as applicable to a month in the Delivery Term.

Commercial and Industrial Customer Group means Narragansett's customers in the C-06, C-08, E-40, G-02, G-22, N-01, R-02, S-00, T-00, V-00, B-00, B-32, B-62, B-72, G-32, G-62, H-72, X-01 and M-1A&B retail rate classes, or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time.

Commission means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or its successor.

Competitive Supplier Terms means Narragansett's Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers, R.I.P.U.C. No. 1191, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the RIPUC.

Conclusion Date means the end of the HE 2400 EPT on the date set forth in Appendix C.

Credit Rating means (i) the lower of the ratings assigned to an entity's unsecured, senior long-term debt obligations (not supported by third party credit enhancements) by S&P and Moody's, (ii) in the event the entity does not have a rating for its senior unsecured long-term debt, the lower of the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by S&P and Moody's, or the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by any other rating agency agreed to by both Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

Customer Disconnection Date means the date when a Last Resort Service Customer is disconnected from service, as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

Customer Termination Date means the date when a Last Resort Service Customer ceases to take service under the Last Resort Service Tariff, each date as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

Delivered Energy means the quantity of energy, expressed in megawatt-hours, provided by Seller under the terms of this Agreement. This quantity shall be the sum of the quantity of energy reported to the ISO by the Buyer for each of the Load Assets identified in Section 6.4, with such quantity determined by the Buyer in accordance with Section 6.3 of this Agreement. Such quantity shall not include any allocation of PTF losses (which the ISO may assess to Seller in relation to such energy), but shall include transmission and distribution losses on the Buyer's System from the Delivery Point to the meters of Last Resort Service Customers.

Delivery Point means for each Load Asset identified in or in accordance with Section 6.4 (i) the Nodes at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the registered Load Assets representing the physical loads of Last Resort Service Customers, for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads With Nodes"), for any period and in any location in which there are Loads With Nodes and the ISO requires use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations, or (ii) the Load Zones at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the Load Assets representing the physical loads of Last Resort Service, for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads with Zones") if (a) the ISO does not require use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations and (b) the use of Loads with Zones in a calculation of ISO settlement charges and costs yields the same mathematical result as a calculation thereof using Loads with Nodes; or (iii) in the event of neither (i) nor (ii), Loads with Nodes and, in any location in which there are no Loads with Nodes, Loads with Zones.

Delivery Term(s) means the definition set forth in Article 1.

Distribution Service Terms means Narragansett's Terms and Conditions, R.I.P.U.C. No. 1197, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the RIPUC.

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EPT means Eastern Prevailing Time.

Governing Documents means, with respect to any particular entity, (a) if a corporation, the (i) articles of organization, articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation and (ii) the bylaws; (b) if a general partnership, the partnership agreement and any statement of partnership; (c) if a limited partnership, the limited partnership agreement and the certificate of limited partnership; (d) if a limited liability company, the articles or certificate of organization or formation and operating agreement; (e) if another type of entity, any other charter or similar document adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of such entity; (f) all equity holders' agreements, voting agreements, voting trust agreements, joint venture agreements, registration rights agreements or other agreements or documents relating to the organization, management or operation of any entity or relating to the rights, duties and obligations of the equity holders of any entity; and (g) any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing.

Initiation Date means the date a retail customer of the Buyer begins taking service pursuant to the Last Resort Service Tariff as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

Interest Rate means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in *The Wall Street Journal* under "Money Rates" on such day (or if not published on such day, on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

Investment Grade means (i) if any entity has a Credit Rating from both S&P and Moody's then, a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" and a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3"; or (ii) if an entity has a Credit Rating from only one of S&P and Moody's, then a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" or a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3 or (iii) if the Parties have mutually agreed in writing on an additional or alternative rating agency, then a credit rating equal to or better than that mutually agreed to by the Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

ISO means ISO New England Inc., authorized by the Commission to exercise for New England the functions required pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 2000 (and its progeny) and the Commission's regulations, and any successor organization (including but not limited to a Regional Transmission Organization.).

ISO Tariff means the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff No. 3, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time, and including the Market Rules and Procedures.

ISO New England Operating Documents means the ISO Tariff and the ISO New England Operating Procedures, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time.

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kWh means Kilowatt-hour.¶

Last Resort Service means the provision of Requirements by Seller at the Delivery Point to Narragansett to meet all needs of Last Resort Service Customers.

Last Resort Service Customer(s) means the retail customer(s) in the Commercial and Industrial Customer Group of Narragansett taking service pursuant to the Last Resort Service Tariff

Last Resort Service Tariff means Narragansett's Tariff for Last Resort Service, R.I.P.U.C. No. 1165, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the RIPUC.

Locational Marginal Pricing means as set forth in the Market Rules and Procedures.

Market Rules and Procedures means the Market Rules, Manuals and Procedures adopted by the ISO and/or NEPOOL, as may be amended from time to time, and as administered by the ISO to govern the operation of the NEPOOL markets.

Material Adverse Effect means, with respect to a Party, any change in or effect on such Party after the date of this Agreement that is materially adverse to the transactions contemplated hereby, excluding any change or effect resulting from (a) changes in the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail markets for electric power; (b) changes in the international, national, regional or local markets for any fuel; (c) changes in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission or distribution systems; and (d) any action or inaction by a governmental authority, but in any such case not affecting the Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner or degree significantly different from others in the industry as a whole.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, its successors and assigns.

MWh means Megawatt-hour.

NE-GIS means the NEPOOL Generation Information System, which includes a generation information database and certificate system, operated by NEPOOL, its designee or successor entity, that accounts for generation attributes of electricity consumed within New England.

NE-GIS Certificates means a document produced by the NE-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NE-GIS from a generation unit.

NEPOOL means the New England Power Pool, or its successor.

NEPOOL Agreement means the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005, as amended or accepted by the Commission and as may be amended, modified, superseded, supplemented and/or restated from time to time.

NEPOOL Rules means all rules adopted by NEPOOL or the ISO, as such rules may be amended, modified, supplemented or superseded and restated from time to time, including but not limited to, the NEPOOL Agreement, the ISO Tariff, the ISO New England Operating Documents, the Transmission Operating Agreement, the Participants Agreement, the NEPOOL Manuals, and the NEPOOL Operating Procedures, as amended, superseded or restated from time to time.

Net Worth means total assets, exclusive of intangible assets, less total liabilities, as reflected on the most recent balance sheet prepared by a certified public accountant as part of a certified financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently

applied in the business sector of the Seller.

PTF means facilities categorized as Pool Transmission Facilities under the ISO Tariff

Requirements means all electric generation and/or market purchases and delivery, to the Delivery Point, of the electric capacity, energy, ancillary services, operating reserves (including forward reserves) and all other market products required by the Buyer to provide kilowatt-hours to meet the needs of Last Resort Service Customers to the Delivery Term.

Residential Customer Rate means the value as set forth in Appendix D.

Residential Customer Group means Narragansett's customers in the A-16, A-18, A-32, A-34, A-60, A-62, E-30 retail rate classes, or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time.

RIPUC means the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

RI Load Zone means the Rhode Island Reliability Region as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

S&P means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, its successors and assigns.

ARTICLE 3. TERM, SERVICE PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1 Term

This Agreement shall be effective immediately upon execution by the Parties and shall continue in effect until final payment is made hereunder. As of the expiration of this Agreement or, if earlier, its termination, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except (a) to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Agreement before such expiration or termination and (b) the obligations of the Parties hereunder with respect to audit rights, remedies for default, damages claims, indemnification and defense of claims shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement to the full extent necessary for their enforcement and the protection of the Party in whose favor they run, subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Agreement.

Section 3.2 Commencement of Supply

(a) Beginning as of the Commencement Date applicable to the customer group set forth on Appendix C, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer. For purposes of certainty: Seller's obligations on the Commencement Date shall be to provide Requirements for all Last Resort Service Customers taking service as of and including the Commencement Date.

(b) With respect to each person or entity that becomes a Last Resort Service Customer subsequent to the Commencement Date, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer to meet the needs of the Last Resort Service Customer(s) as of and including the Initiation Date for such customer initiating such service during the Delivery Term.

(c) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Initiation Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Initiation Date shall include the account number, the date Seller's service to the Buyer is to begin for a Last Resort Service Customer and the customer's rate class.

Section 3.3 Termination and Conclusion of Supply

(a) With respect to each Last Resort Service Customer that terminates Last Resort Service during the Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Termination Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Termination Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Termination Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Termination Date shall include the account number, the Customer Termination Date and the customer's rate class.

(c) Seller's obligation to provide Requirements shall cease at the Conclusion Date.

Section 3.4 Customer Disconnection Date

(a) With respect to each Last Resort Service Customer whose Last Resort Service is disconnected during the Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Disconnection Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Disconnection Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, The Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Disconnection Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Disconnection Date shall include the account number, the Customer Disconnection Date and the customer's rate class.

Section 3.5 Distribution Service Interruptions

Seller acknowledges that interruptions in distribution service occur and may reduce the load served hereunder. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer may interrupt distribution service to customers consistent with the Distribution Service Terms and the Competitive Supplier Terms. In no event shall a Party have any liability or obligation to the other Party in respect of any such interruptions in distribution service.

Section 3.6 Release of Customer Information

The Buyer will not issue any customer information to Seller unless Seller has first obtained the necessary authorization in accordance with the provisions of the Competitive Supplier Terms.

Section 3.7 Electronic Notification

At Seller's election, the Buyer shall provide notices contemplated by Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 via electronic file transfer. Such election shall only be effective when Seller (i) establishes an account on the Advantis Value Added Network ("VAN"), and (ii) verifies its ability to

transfer files to and receive files from the Buyer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day on which Seller desires to commence electronic receipt. Seller shall bear all costs to establish an account and all costs of Seller and the Buyer to use the VAN. If Seller fails to pay all VAN costs and charges when due and payable, Seller's election shall not be valid and the Buyer shall no longer be obligated to provide electronic notification.

Section 3.8 Change in Supply; No Prohibition on Programs

(a) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the number of customers and the Requirements to meet the needs of such customers will fluctuate throughout the Delivery Term and may equal zero. The Buyer shall not be liable to Seller for any losses Seller may incur, including but not limited to lost revenues, and losses that may result from any change in Requirements, number or location of customers taking service, the location of the Delivery Point(s), the composition or components of market products or Requirements, or the market for electricity, or change in the Distribution Service Terms or the Last Resort Service Tariff. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that there is no limit on the number of Customer Initiation Dates, Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates.

(b) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer has the right but not the obligation to continue, initiate, support or participate in any programs, promotions, or initiatives designed to or with the effect of encouraging customers to leave Last Resort Service for any reason ("Programs"). Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require notice to or approval of Seller in order for the Buyer to take any action in relation to Programs.

(c) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer and Affiliates of the Buyer will not provide Seller preferential access to or use of the Buyer's System and that Seller's sole and exclusive rights and remedies with regard to access to, use or availability of the Buyer's System, and the Buyer's or Affiliates of the Buyer's obligation to transmit electricity are those rights, remedies and obligations provided under the Distribution Service Terms or the NEPOOL Rules.

Section 3.9 Uniform Disclosure Requirements

Seller shall provide the Buyer information pertaining to power plant emissions, fuel types, labor information and any other information required by the Buyer to comply with the uniform disclosure requirements contained in R.I.G.L. Section 39-26-9 and any other disclosure regulations which may be imposed upon the Buyer during the term of this Agreement, as such disclosure requirements apply to Last Resort Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

Seller shall utilize the NE-GIS to transfer Load Obligations or NE-GIS Certificates, as applicable, to the Buyer's certificate account in the number equal to the Delivered Energy for Last Resort Service in a month. Such Load Obligations or NE-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller at least five (5) Business Days prior to the close of the applicable Trading Period. The Load Obligations or NE-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller to an account within the NE-GIS designated by the Buyer.

ARTICLE 4. SALE AND PURCHASE

Section 4.1 Provision Delivery and Receipt

Seller shall provide and deliver to the Delivery Point and the Buyer shall receive at the Delivery Point the percentage of the Requirements applicable to each customer group as set forth on Appendix C during the Delivery Term.

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Section 4.2 Responsibilities

(a) The Buyer shall arrange with the ISO for transmission service over the PTF and non-PTF from and after the Delivery Point to the customers' meters. The Buyer shall be responsible for all transmission costs over the PTF and non-PTF from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Buyer's customers. Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution costs associated with the delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point except the transmission costs otherwise provided for in this paragraph.

(b) Seller shall be responsible for all decisions and data submissions associated with the Ownership Share of the Load Assets in ARTICLE 6, Section 6.4 including any bids into the market system to manage these obligations.

(c) Seller shall be responsible for all present and future obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Requirements and/or Seller's provision thereof, whether system wide or locational based, including, but not limited to, the real-time load obligations, capacity obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, ICAP/UCAP/Locational ICAP/locational unforced capacity, forward capacity market obligations), regulation obligations and/or charges (including any regulation opportunity costs), operating reserve obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, (w) any real-time reserve charges, (x) any forward reserve charges, (y) any charges associated with Reserve Constraint Penalty Factors ("RCPFs"), and (z) RMR operating reserve charges other than RMR operating reserve charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6, net commitment period compensation (NCPC) charges (other than RMR NCPC charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6), emergency energy charges, inadvertent energy revenue charges, ISO Schedule 1 charges (other than ISO Schedule 1 charges that are both (i) associated with the Buyer's Regional Network Service and (ii) allocated on the basis of Regional Network Load), ISO Schedule 2 charges, ISO Schedule 3 charges, day-ahead energy market charges, and real-time energy market charges at the nodes, if any, and if none, the zones representing the actual locations of the meters of the Last Resort Service Customers, and any other requirements, market products, expenses and charges imposed by NEPOOL or the ISO, as they may be in effect from time to time related to the provision and/or delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point. Except as otherwise specifically excluded in this paragraph, Seller's responsibility for costs and charges shall be without regard to the manner in which they are allocated by NEPOOL or the ISO.

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(d) Seller shall be responsible for all costs and components thereof of any Locational Marginal Prices to provide Last Resort Service (during the applicable Delivery Term), including its delivery to the Delivery Point. These components include the energy component, loss component, and congestion component.

(e) Seller shall be responsible for all congestion charges for delivery to the actual meters of Last Resort Service Customers (during the applicable Delivery Term).

(f) Seller shall notify Buyer within one Business Day of receipt of notice of termination from the ISO or event of default or similar occurrence under the Market Participant Service Agreement.

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ARTICLE 5. AMOUNT, BILLING and PAYMENT

Section 5.1 Amount

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller in a month shall be:

- (i) The product of (a) the Delivered Energy for Last Resort Service to the Residential Customer Group in a month and (b) Residential Contract Rate in the month plus,
- (ii) The product of (c) the Delivered Energy for Last Resort Service to the Commercial and Industrial Customer Group in a month and (d) Commercial and Industrial Contract Rate in the month.
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Section 5.2 Billing and Payment

(a) On or before the tenth (10th) day of each month during the term of this Agreement, Seller shall calculate the amount due and payable to Seller pursuant to Section 5.1 with respect to the preceding month (the "Calculation"). Seller shall provide the Calculation to the Buyer and such Calculation shall include sufficient detail for the Buyer to verify its formulation and computation. Calculations under this paragraph shall be subject to recalculation in accordance with Article 6 and shall be subject to adjustment (positive or negative) based upon such recalculation (a "Reconciliation Adjustment"). Seller shall promptly calculate the Reconciliation Adjustment upon receiving data described in Section 6.3 and shall include the adjustment, if any, in the next month's Invoice. A Reconciliation Adjustment based upon a change in the quantity for an earlier month shall be calculated using the applicable Contract Rate for the month in which the Delivered Energy was received.

(b) Seller shall submit to the Buyer an invoice with such Calculation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section (the "Invoice") and the respective amounts due under this Agreement not later than the tenth (10th) day of each month. The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date"). Except for amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, if all or any part of the Invoice remains unpaid after the Due Date, interest shall accrue after but not including the Due Date and be payable to Seller on such unpaid amount at the Interest Rate in effect on the Due Date. The Due Date for a Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the Due Date of the Invoice in which it is included.

(c) Each Party shall notify the other Party upon becoming aware of an error in an Invoice, Calculation or Reconciliation Adjustment (whether the amount is paid or not) and Seller shall promptly issue a corrected Invoice. Overpayments shall be returned by the receiving Party upon request or deducted by the receiving Party from subsequent invoices, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the date of the receipt of the overpayment until the date paid or deducted.

Deleted: For the calendar month beginning on October 1, 2006 and continuing through and including October 31, 2006, subject to the proviso in this clause, Buyer shall pay Seller the positive difference between (1) the out-of-pocket actual costs paid by Seller (the "MCO Amount") to meet Seller's monthly installed capacity, unforced capacity, locational installed capacity, or locational unforced capacity obligation under this Agreement (the "MC Obligation" (with the units of measurements of the MC Obligations (such as kW or MW) referred to herein as the "Units")); provided however, Buyer shall have no obligation to pay Seller an amount in excess of the amount equal to the product of the MC Obligation and (A) for any month in which the ISO capacity market uses a demand curve in the ISO spot auction, the per-Unit capacity payment, which payment shall be determined by the ISO spot auction capacity clearing price plus any adjustments by the ISO including those adjustments resulting from, attributable to or associated with any applicable price caps, inframarginal revenue/rent adjustments and resource availability adjustments, or (B) for any month in which the ISO capacity market does not use a demand curve, the ISO supply auction clearing price; and (2) any credits received by Seller associated with the MC Obligation, including any credits associated with Capacity Transfer Rights.

Section 5.3 Challenge to Invoices

Unless otherwise agreed: (i) either Party may challenge, in writing, the accuracy of Calculations, Invoices or Reconciliation Adjustments (or the data utilized in the forgoing) no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Due Date of the Invoice in which the disputed information is contained; (ii) if a Party does not challenge the accuracy within such twenty-four (24) month period, such Invoice shall be binding upon that Party and shall not be subject to challenge. If an Invoice is paid and thereafter the payment or the Invoice on which the payment was based is disputed, upon notice of dispute, the Party receiving payment shall hold the amount in dispute in escrow for the benefit of the prevailing Party until the resolution of such dispute. If any amount in dispute is ultimately determined (under the terms herein) to be due to the other Party, it shall be paid or returned (as the case may be) to the other Party within three (3) Business Days of such determination along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the (i) date due and owing in accordance with the Invoice until the date paid or (ii) if the amount was paid and is to be returned, from the date paid, until the date returned.

Section 5.4 Taxes, Fees and Levies

Seller shall be obligated to pay all present and future taxes, fees and levies (“Taxes”) which may be assessed by any entity upon the Seller's performance under this Agreement including but not limited to the purchase and sale of Requirements to the Buyer. Seller shall pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements up to and at the Delivery Point, and the Buyer will pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements after the Delivery Point. All Requirements, including electricity and other related market products delivered hereunder by Seller to the Buyer shall be sales for resale with the Buyer reselling such electricity and products.

Section 5.5 Netting and Setoff

Except for security provided pursuant to Section 7.3 (which shall not be considered for purposes of this Section 5.5) and unless otherwise specified in another agreement between the Parties, if the Parties are required to pay an amount on the same date each to the other under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, or if any costs that are a Party's responsibility under this Agreement are incorrectly or inappropriately charged to the Party by the ISO, such amounts shall be netted, and the Party owing the greater aggregate amount shall pay to the other Party any difference between the amounts owed. Each Party reserves all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other remedies and defenses (to the extent not expressly herein or therein waived or denied) that such Party has or to which such Party may be entitled arising from or out of this Agreement or the other agreement. Further, if the Buyer incurs any costs or charges that are the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement, such costs or charges may, at the Buyer's election, be netted against any amount due to Seller under this Agreement. All outstanding obligations to make payment under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties may be netted against each other, set off or recouped there from, or otherwise adjusted.

ARTICLE 6. QUALITY; LOSSES and QUANTITIES REQUIRED; DETERMINATION AND REPORTING OF HOURLY LOADS

Section 6.1 Quality

All electricity shall be delivered to the Buyer in the form of three-phase sixty-hertz alternating current at the Delivery Point.

Section 6.2 Losses

Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution losses and the costs related to such losses and associated with the Requirements, namely, losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Last Resort Service Customers. Seller shall provide to the Buyer at the Delivery Point quantities of electricity and ancillary services, capacity and all other market products related thereto to cover such losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of Last Resort Service Customers. The quantities required for this purpose in each hour of a billing period shall be determined in accordance with ISO's and the Buyer's procedures for loss determination.

Section 6.3 Determination and Reporting of Hourly Loads

(a) The Buyer will estimate the Delivered Energy for Last Resort Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement based upon average load profiles developed for each of the Buyer's customer classes and the Buyer's actual total hourly load. The Buyer shall report to the ISO and Seller, the estimated Delivered Energy. The Buyer will normally report to the ISO and to Seller Seller's estimated Delivered Energy by 1:00 P.M. EPT of the second following Business Day. Appendix A provides a general description of the estimation process that the Buyer will initially employ (the "Estimation Process"). The Buyer shall have the right but not the obligation, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to modify the Estimation Process from time to time, provided that any such modification is designed with the objective of improving the accuracy of the Estimation Process.

Each month, the Buyer shall reconcile the Buyer's estimate of the Delivered Energy based upon the Buyer's meter reads (such meter reads as provided for in the Distribution Service Terms). The reconciliation, including all losses, shall be the adjusted Delivered Energy. The Buyer will normally notify the ISO of any resulting adjustment (debit or credit) to Seller's account for the Load Assets (set forth in Section 6.4) no later than the last day of the third month following the billing month. Appendix A provides a general description of this reconciliation process, which process may be changed by the Buyer from time to time in its sole and exclusive discretion.

Section 6.4 NEPOOL Market System Implementation

The Last Resort Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement will be initially represented within the NEPOOL Market System as:

SMD Load Zone	Load Asset #	Load Asset Name
RI	735	NECO LAST RESORT SERVICE LOAD
RI	10171	NECO-LRS-RCG LOAD

As soon as possible after the execution of this Agreement and before the Commencement Date, the Buyer shall assign to Seller, and Seller shall accept assignment of an Ownership Share for each Load Asset identified above. Such assignment shall be effective beginning on the Commencement Date. Seller shall maintain such ownership until the Conclusion Date (or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)). Seller shall take any and all actions necessary to effectuate such assignment, including executing documents required by the

ISO. Once Seller's provision of Last Resort Service terminates (effective as of the minute after the Conclusion Date or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)), the Buyer will terminate Seller's Ownership of the aforementioned Load Assets.

The Buyer shall have the right to change the Load Asset designations (identified above) from time to time, consistent with the definition and provision of Last Resort Service. If and to the extent such designations change, the Buyer and Seller shall cooperate to timely put into effect the necessary NEPOOL Market System contracts that may be necessary to implement the new designations and terminate the prior designations.

ARTICLE 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

Section 7.1 Events of Default

(a) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to the Buyer:

(i) Failure of the Buyer

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to Seller's wrongful act or failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) After receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect such cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that the Buyer (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect a cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to Seller written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure.

(b) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to Seller:

(i) Failure of Seller:

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe, or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Buyer's wrongful act or wrongful failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) after receipt of written notice from the Buyer such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect a cure (but in no event

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longer than thirty (30) days), provided that Seller (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect such cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to the Buyer written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure;

- (ii) Failure of Seller to provide Requirements in accordance with Articles 3 and 4;
- (iii) Failure of Seller to satisfy its obligation to provide security when due and in accordance with Section 7.3,

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(c) Any one or more of the following events with respect to either Party shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to such Party:

- (i) The entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or (B) a decree or order adjudging such Party as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of such Party under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of such Party or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs;
- (ii) The commencement by such Party of a voluntary case or proceeding, or any filing by a third party of an involuntary case or proceeding against a Party that is not dismissed within thirty (30) days of such third party's filing, under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of a Party or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by such Party in furtherance of any such action;
- (iii) Any representation or warranty made by a Party is or becomes false or misleading in any material respect.

Section 7.2 Remedies Upon Default

The Parties shall have the following remedies available to them with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the other Party hereunder:

(a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to (i) continue performance under this Agreement and exercise such rights and remedies as it may have at law, in equity or under this Agreement and seek remedies as may be necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observation of any obligations and covenants under this Agreement, so long as such rights and remedies are not duplicative of any other rights and remedies hereof, and do not otherwise enable the non-defaulting Party to obtain performance or payments in excess of the performance and payments to which it is otherwise entitled pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) at its option, give such defaulting Party a written notice (a "Termination Notice") terminating this Agreement. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a), (b) or (c)(iii), such termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the Termination Notice, which date shall be no earlier than the date such notice is effective and no later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice is provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Upon a termination for a default or Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default, provided that the non-defaulting Party provides written notice to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8 within ten (10) Business Days of the Event of Default. Any attempted cure by a defaulting Party after this Agreement has been terminated by the non-defaulting Party shall be void and of no effect. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement, in general and under this Section 7.2 in particular, are subject to the duty to mitigate damages as provided under common law.

(b) Seller expressly agrees that at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, or the delivery of a Termination Notice to Seller by the Buyer, the Buyer may exercise any rights it may have pursuant to the Article 7.3 (Security).

(c) In the event of termination for an Event of Default as provided in Section 7.1, in addition to any amounts owed for performance (or failure to perform) hereunder prior to such termination, the non-defaulting Party may recover, without duplication, its direct damages resulting from such Event of Default; such damages shall include the positive (if any) present value of this Agreement to the non-defaulting Party for the portion of the Delivery Term remaining at the time of such termination, to be determined by reference to market prices, transaction costs and load reasonably projected for the remaining portion of the Delivery Term ("Termination Damages"). The Termination Damages shall include all reasonably incurred transaction costs and expenses that otherwise would not have been incurred by the non-defaulting Party. In determining its Termination Damages, the non-defaulting Party shall offset its losses and costs by any gains or savings realized by the non-defaulting Party as a result of the termination.

Payment of Termination Damages, if any, shall be made by the defaulting Party to the non-defaulting Party within five (5) days after calculation of such Termination Damages and receipt of a notice including such calculation of the amounts owed hereunder and a written statement showing in reasonable detail the calculation and a summary of the method used to determine such amounts. Upon the reasonable request of the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party shall provide reasonable documentation to verify the costs underlying the Termination Damages. If the defaulting Party disputes the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, in whole or in part, the defaulting Party shall, within five (5) days of receipt of the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, provide to the non-defaulting Party a detailed written explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that, the defaulting Party shall first pay the Termination Damages, if any, to the non-defaulting Party in accordance with the preceding sentence, and the non-defaulting Party shall then deposit such disputed amount into an interest

bearing bankruptcy-remote escrow account for the benefit of the prevailing Party and the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 15.2.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the cure of any default or failure to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement within the period provided therefor in this Article shall not release such defaulting Party from its obligations under Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

(e) Upon termination the Buyer shall, and upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, the Buyer shall have the right to, immediately notify the ISO that (i) the assignment from the Buyer to Seller of the Ownership Share has been terminated, (ii) the Load Asset(s) shall be removed from Seller's account and placed in the account of the Buyer and (iii) Seller consents to such action. In the event the Buyer so notifies the ISO, Seller shall immediately take any and all actions that may be required by the ISO to remove the Load Asset from Seller's account and place it in the account of the Buyer. If the Agreement has not been terminated, the Buyer, in its sole discretion with 5 Business Days prior notice to Seller, may elect to assign the Ownership Share of the Load Asset(s) to the account of Seller and Seller shall accept such assignment, consistent with the actions required by Section 6.4 of this Agreement.

Section 7.3 Security

(a) Seller, at all times during the term of this Agreement, shall either (i) maintain (A) a Credit Rating at least equal to Investment Grade and (B) a Net Worth at least equal to _____ (the "Credit Requirements") or (ii) provide security in accordance with Section 7.3(b). Prior to the Commencement Date and at any time upon the request of Buyer, Seller (or its guarantor at any time that a guaranty delivered pursuant to Paragraph (A) of Subsection (b) of this Section is in effect) shall establish that it meets the Credit Requirements by providing (x) a certificate of an authorized officer, accompanied by supporting certified financial statements and (y) documentation of all Credit Ratings. Seller shall inform the Buyer within one (1) Business Day of any failure of it or its guarantor (at any time that a guaranty delivered pursuant to Paragraph (A) of Subsection (b) of this Section is in effect, no longer meeting the Credit Requirements) to meet Credit Requirements, or of being placed by S&P or Moody's on credit watch, under review for a downgrade or with negative implications.

(b) If, at any time during the term of this Agreement, Seller fails to meet the Credit Requirements, then Seller shall provide security to the Buyer (i) in an amount equal to [_____] ; and (ii) in one of the following forms, within five (5) Business Days of the occurrence of such failure to meet the Credit Requirements:

- (A) A guaranty of Seller's obligations hereunder issued by an Affiliate of Seller that meets the Credit Requirements and in substantially the form set forth in Appendix B attached hereto;
- (B) An irrevocable, transferable standby letter of credit (x) issued by a U.S. commercial bank or a foreign bank with a U.S. branch with such bank having a credit rating of at least "A-" from S&P or "A3" from Moody's, (y) in a form acceptable to Buyer, including a provision permitting the Buyer upon an Event of Default as to Seller to draw down, on one or more occasions, in whole or in part, as the case may be, on the letter of credit and also permitting the Buyer to draw down an amount equal to Buyer's

Termination Damages without giving effect to Section 5.5 (Netting and Setoff), and (z) that shall terminate no earlier than 120 days from the later of the termination or expiration of the Agreement. If Seller is required to provide the bank with a guarantee or any other form of financial assurance from one or more other entities to secure its letter of credit obligations, then such entities shall also guarantee all of Seller's obligations to the Buyer under this Agreement;

- (C) U.S. Dollars delivered by wire transfer of immediately available funds; or
- (D) Any alternate form of credit support proposed by Seller that the Buyer deems acceptable, in its sole discretion; provided however, the Buyer is under no obligation to accept any alternate form of credit support and may withhold consent to any such alternate form for any reason.

Section 7.4 Forward Contract.

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, that this Agreement is a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that the remedies identified in this Agreement, including but not limited to those specified in Section 7, shall be "contractual rights" as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 556 as that provision may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 8. NOTICES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES

Section 8.1 Notices

Any notice, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement to be given by one Party to another Party shall be in writing. It shall either be sent by facsimile (with receipt confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt), courier, personally delivered (including overnight delivery service) or mailed, postage prepaid, to the representative of the other Party designated in accordance with this Article. Any such notice, demand, or request shall be deemed to be given (i) when sent by facsimile confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt, (ii) when actually received if delivered by courier or personal delivery (including overnight delivery service) or (iii) seven (7) days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent by first class mail return receipt requested.

Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Mr. Michael J. Hager
Vice President, Energy Supply – New England
National Grid Inc.
55 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532
(508) 421-7350 (phone)
(508) 421-7335 (fax)

and

Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

General Counsel
National Grid Inc.
25 Research Drive
Westborough, MA 01582
(508) 389-9000 (phone)
(508) 389-2605 (fax)

Notices and other communications by the Buyer to Seller shall be addressed to:

[Name]
[Company]
[Address]
[City, State & Zip]
[Phone]
[FAX]

Any Party may change its representative or address for notices by written notice to the other Party; however such notice shall not be effective until it is received by the other Party.

Section 8.2 Authority of Representative

The Parties' representatives shall have full authority to act for their respective Party in all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party's representative shall not have the authority to amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement unless they are duly authorized officers of their respective entities and such amendment, modification or waiver is made in accordance with Article 17.

ARTICLE 9. LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION; RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

Section 9.1 Limitation on Consequential, Incidental and Indirect Damages

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 9.2, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, NEITHER THE BUYER NOR SELLER, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENT OR AFFILIATES, SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR LITIGATION COSTS, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 15.2 AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATION THEREUNDER) CONNECTED WITH OR RESULTING FROM PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY SUCH DAMAGES WHICH ARE BASED UPON CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION), BREACH OF WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF RECOVERY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF FAULT AND SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION,

CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, COMPLETION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 9.2 Indemnification

(a) Seller agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Buyer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of a representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by Seller, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Seller, (c) any act or omission by Seller with respect to this Agreement, first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee, or Affiliate of the Buyer or its respective successors or assigns.

(b) The Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and save Seller, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successor, assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by said Buyer, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Buyer, (c) any act or omission by the Buyer, with respect to this Agreement first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee or Affiliate of Seller or its respective successors or assigns.

(c) If any Party intends to seek indemnification under this Section from the other Party with respect to any action or claim, the Party seeking indemnification shall give the other Party notice of such claim or action within thirty (30) days of the later of the commencement of, or actual knowledge of, such claim or action; provided, however, that in the event such notice is delivered more than thirty (30) days after the Party seeking indemnification knows of such claim or action, the indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its indemnity hereunder only if and to the extent such indemnifying Party was actually prejudiced by such delay. The Party seeking indemnification shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to participate in the defense of any such claim or action. The Party seeking indemnification shall not compromise or settle any such claim or action without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 9.3 Independent Contractor Status

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any relationship between the Buyer and Seller other than that of independent contractors for the sale and delivery of Requirements for Last Resort Service.

ARTICLE 10. ASSIGNMENT

Section 10.1 General Prohibition Against Assignments

Except as provided in Section 10.2, neither Party shall assign, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligation under this Agreement without first obtaining the other Party's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 10.2 Exceptions to Prohibition Against Assignments

(a) Seller may, without the Buyer's prior written consent, collaterally assign this Agreement in connection with financing arrangements provided that any such collateral assignment that provides for the Buyer to direct payments to the collateral agent (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall not be altered or amended without prior written notice to the Buyer from both Seller and the collateral agent, and (iii) provided that any payment made by the Buyer to the collateral agent shall discharge the Buyer's obligation as fully and to the same extent as if it had been made to the Seller. Seller must provide the Buyer at least ten (10) days advance written notice of collateral assignment and provide copies of any such assignment and relevant agreements or writings.

(b) The Buyer may assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Affiliate of the Buyer without consent of Seller. Either Party may, upon written notice, assign its rights and obligations hereunder, or transfer such rights and obligations by operation of law, to any entity with which or into which such Party shall merge or consolidate or to which such Party shall transfer all or substantially all of its assets, provided that such other entity agrees to be bound by the terms hereof and provided further, that such other entity's creditworthiness is comparable to or higher than that of such Party at the time this Agreement was executed and such Party is not relieved of any obligation or liability hereunder as a result of such assignment

ARTICLE 11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

ARTICLE 12. FORCE MAJEURE

(a) Force Majeure shall include but not be limited to acts of God, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, strikes, labor disputes, riots, insurrections, acts of war (whether declared or otherwise), terrorism, acts of terrorism, acts of governmental, regulatory or judicial bodies, but if and only to the extent that such event or circumstance (i) directly affects the availability of the transmission or distribution facilities of the New England Transmission System, the Buyer or an Affiliate of the Buyer necessary to provide service to the Buyer's customers which are taking service pursuant to the Last Resort Service Tariff and (ii) it is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (A) fluctuations in Last Resort Service, (B) the cost to a Party to overcome or avoid, or cause to be avoided, the event or circumstance affecting such Party's performance or (C) events affecting the availability or cost of operating any generating facility.

(b) To the extent that either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or in part, its obligations hereunder and (i) such Party gives notice and detail of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable after the onset of the Force Majeure, including an estimate of its expected duration and the probable impact on the performance of its obligations hereunder; (ii) the suspension of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure, and (iii) the Party claiming Force Majeure uses commercially reasonable efforts to remedy or remove the inability to perform caused by Force Majeure, then the affected Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations prevented by Force Majeure. However, neither Party shall be required to pay for any obligation the performance of which is excused by Force Majeure. This paragraph shall not require the settlement of any strike, walkout, lockout or other labor dispute on terms which, in the sole judgment of the Party involved in the dispute are contrary to its interest. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts or other labor disputes shall be entirely within the discretion of the Party involved in the dispute.

(c) No obligations of either Party which arose before the Force Majeure occurrence causing the suspension of performance shall be excused as a result of the event of Force Majeure.

(d) Prior to the resumption of performance suspended as a result of a Force Majeure occurrence, the Party claiming the Force Majeure shall give the other Party written notice of such resumption.

ARTICLE 13. WAIVERS

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The waiver of any single breach or default of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not be deemed to constitute the waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach or default of the Agreement or any other term or condition.

ARTICLE 14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

(a) This Agreement and all rights, obligations, and performances of the Parties hereunder, are subject to all applicable federal and state laws, and to all duly promulgated orders and other duly authorized action of governmental authorities having jurisdiction hereof.

(b) The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are not subject to change under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act as that section may be amended or superseded, absent the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Each Party irrevocably waives its rights, including its rights under §§ 205-206 of the Federal Power Act, unilaterally to seek or support a change in the rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions of this Agreement or any other agreements entered into in connection with this Agreement. By this provision, each Party expressly waives its right to seek or support: (i) an order from the Commission finding that the market-based rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions agreed to by the Parties in the Agreement are unjust and unreasonable; or (ii) any refund with respect thereto. Each Party agrees (x) not to make or support such a filing or request, (y) that these covenants and waivers shall be binding notwithstanding any regulatory or market changes that may occur hereafter and

(z) that it shall not challenge or support a challenge to the enforceability of the waiver in this Section (b).

(c) Absent the agreement of all Parties to a proposed change, the standard of review for changes to this Agreement proposed by a non-party or the Commission acting sua sponte shall be the "public interest" standard of review set forth in United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp., 350 U.S. 332 (1956) and Federal Power Commission v. Sierra Pacific Power Co., 350 U.S. 348 (1956) (the "Mobile-Sierra" doctrine).

(d) The Parties agree that, if and to the extent that the Commission adopts a final rule or order which requires that, in order to exclude application of the just and reasonable standard of review and to mandate application of the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine for a proposed change to this Agreement which is not agreed to by all Parties, the Parties must agree to language which varies from that set forth in Article 14(c) then, without further action of either Party, Article 14(c) will be deemed amended to incorporate the specific language required by such final rule or order as is necessary to have the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine apply to any proposed change to this Agreement to which all Parties do not agree.

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(e) Nothing in this Article 14 is intended to modify any Party's right to enforce the terms of this Agreement as written.

ARTICLE 15. INTERPRETATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Section 15.1 Governing Law

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed and performed in accordance with and the laws of the State of Rhode Island, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

Section 15.2 Dispute Resolution

All disputes between the Buyer and Seller under this Agreement shall be referred, upon notice by one Party to the other Party, to a senior manager of Seller designated by Seller, and a senior manager of the Buyer designated by the Buyer, for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable. In the event the designated senior managers are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, or such other period to which the Parties may jointly agree, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedure set forth in this Section. The arbitration shall be conducted in Boston, Massachusetts before a single neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to and appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) days of the referral of the dispute to arbitration, Seller and the Buyer shall each choose one arbitrator, who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within ten (10) days select a third arbitrator to act as chairman of the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable and have at least two (2) years experience in electric utility matters, including wholesale power transactions and power market issues, and shall not have any current or past material business or financial relationships with either Party or a witness for either Party and shall not have a direct or indirect interest in any Party or the subject matter of the arbitration. If a panel of arbitrators, all of their decisions shall be by majority vote. The arbitrator(s) shall afford each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then-current arbitration rules of the CPR

Institute for Dispute Resolution (formerly known as the Center for Public Resources), unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. There shall be no formal discovery conducted in connection with the arbitration unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties; provided, however, that the Parties shall exchange witness lists and copies of any exhibits that they intend to utilize in their direct presentations at any hearing before the arbitrator(s) at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing, along with any other information or documents specifically requested by the arbitrator(s) prior to the hearing. Any offer made and the details of any negotiations to resolve the dispute shall not be admissible in the arbitration or otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) days of his, her or their appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore, and shall make an award apportioning the payment of the costs and expenses of arbitration among the Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall bear the costs and expenses of its own attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants unless the arbitrator(s), based upon a determination of good cause, awards attorneys fees and legal and other costs to the prevailing Party. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change the Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, subject expressly to Section 15.3. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act and/or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall impair the ability of a Party to exercise any rights or remedy it has under this Agreement, including those in Article 7. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any arbitration proceeding and the arbitrator's award shall be maintained in confidence by the Parties; provided, however, that either Party, or any of its Affiliates, may provide information regarding the arbitration without limitation to any regulatory agency requesting or requiring such information or to a court in a proceeding to confirm, appeal (as such appeal is limited hereby) or enforce the award; provided, further, that any such provision of information must include a request for confidential treatment.

Section 15.3 Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of Rhode Island, County of Providence; (ii) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any proceedings brought in any such court; and (iii) waives any claim that such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 16. SEVERABILITY

Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining provisions and lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision, and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability.

ARTICLE 17. MODIFICATIONS

No modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding on any Party unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties.

ARTICLE 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, including the Appendices, the tariffs and agreements referred to herein or therein, embody the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that there are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings contained in any material provided or otherwise made available by the Seller or the Buyer to each other. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE 19. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION; CONSTRUCTION

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the Parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "including" shall mean "including, without limitation". The Parties acknowledge that, each Party and its counsel have reviewed and or revised this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, and it is the result of joint discussion and negotiation.

ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIONS; WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Each Party represents to the other Party, upon execution and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, as follows:

(a) It is duly organized in the form of business entity set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of its organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as is now being conducted, including all regulatory authorizations as necessary for it to legally perform its obligations hereunder.

(b) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to consummate and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly and validly executed and delivered by it, and, assuming that this Agreement constitutes a valid

and binding agreement of the other Party, constitutes its valid and binding agreement, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

(c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, or the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument to which it is bound, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

(d) No declaration, filing with, notice to, or authorization, permit, consent or approval of any governmental authority is required for the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, permits, consents or approvals which, if not obtained or made, will not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it will nor the performance by it of its obligations under this Agreement will or does (i) conflict with or result in any breach of any provision of its Governing Documents, (ii) result in a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its subsidiaries is bound, except for such defaults (or rights of termination, cancellation or acceleration) as to which requisite waivers or consents have been obtained or which, in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, which violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or relating to it before any governmental authority acting in an adjudicative capacity relating to the transactions contemplated hereby that could have a Material Adverse Effect. It is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority which, individually or in the aggregate, would create a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) There are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it, or of its knowledge threatened against it.

(h) With respect to Seller, (i) it and the ISO have fully executed a Market Participant Service Agreement ("Seller's MPSA"), and it has been approved by the Commission in accordance with Subsection 7.1 of the MPSA with the ISO and (ii) the ISO has not filed with the Commission a notice of termination of Seller's MPSA.

(i) It is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Agreement and as to whether this Agreement is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party hereto, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 22. CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

The Parties shall cooperate so that each Party may take such actions as necessary and required for the other Party to effectuate and comply with this Agreement including to (i) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (ii) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, and (iii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations of all other entities, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer shall have the right to review and approve in advance all characterizations of the information relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which appear in any filing, press release or public announcement made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY

Neither Seller nor the Buyer shall provide copies of [BIDDERS: Insert sections [] or disclose the contents or terms thereof (the “Confidential Terms”) to any third party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that either Party may provide a copy of the Confidential Terms, in whole or in part to (1) any regulatory agency or governmental authority with jurisdictional interest requesting and/or requiring such Confidential Terms or in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or any exchange, control area or independent system operator rule or in connection with any court or regulatory proceeding, provided that in the case of a disclosure pursuant to the foregoing, such disclosure must include a request for confidential treatment of the Confidential Terms, and (2) an Affiliate if related to the Party’s performance of its obligations hereunder, provided that such Affiliate agrees to treat the Confidential Terms as confidential in accordance with this clause.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Agreement on their behalf as of the date first above written.

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY

Name (print): _____
Title: _____

[COMPANY]

Name (print): _____
Title: _____

APPENDIX A
ESTIMATION OF SELLER HOURLY LOADS

Overview

Generating units operated by suppliers are dispatched by the power pool to meet the region's electrical requirements reliably, and at the lowest possible cost. As a result, a supplier's electricity production may not match the demand of its customers. In each hour some suppliers with low cost production units or that contract for the output of such units are net sellers of electricity to the pool, while other suppliers are purchasing power from the pool to meet the demand of their customers. To determine the extent to which suppliers are net buyers or sellers on an hourly basis, it is necessary to estimate the hourly aggregate demand for all of the customers served by each supplier. The Buyer will estimate Seller's Last Resort Service load obligations within the Buyer's service territory and report the hourly results to the ISO on a daily basis.

The estimation process is a cost-effective approach to producing results that are reliable, unbiased and reasonably accurate. The hourly load estimates will be based on rate class load profiles, which will be developed from statistically designed samples. Each day, the class load shapes will be scaled to the population of customers served by each supplier. In cases where telemetered data on individual customers is available, it will be used in place of the estimated shapes. On a monthly basis, the estimates will be refined by incorporating actual usage data obtained from meter readings. In both processes, the sum of all suppliers' estimated loads will match the total load delivered into the distribution system. A description of the estimation process follows.

Daily Estimation of Suppliers' Own Load

The daily process estimates the hourly load for each supplier for the previous day. The following is an outline of this process:

- Select a proxy date from the previous year with characteristics which best match the day for which the hourly demand estimates are being produced. Extract class load shapes for the selected proxy date from the load research database.
- Scale the class load shapes appropriately for each individual customer based on the usage level of the customer relative to the class average usage level.
- Calculate a factor for each customer which reflects their relative usage level and includes an adjustment for losses ("load adjustment factor"). Aggregate the load adjustment factors across the customers served by each supplier in each class.
- Produce a preliminary estimate of each supplier's hourly loads by combining the proxy day class load shapes with the supplier's total load adjustment factors. Aggregate the loads across the classes for each supplier.
- Adjust the preliminary hourly supplier estimates so that their sum is equal to the Buyer's actual hourly metered loads (as metered at the point of delivery to the distribution system) by allocating any differences to suppliers in proportion to their estimated load.

- Adjust the hourly supplier estimates to include transmission losses within the Buyer's transmission system.
- Submit the hourly loads to the ISO.

After the Buyer has submitted the supplier hourly loads, the ISO will allocate PTF losses to the supplier's account during the settlement process.

Monthly Reconciliation Process

The monthly process will improve the estimates of supplier loads by incorporating the most recent customer usage information, which will be available after the monthly meter readings are processed. The actual customer meter readings, as well as actual interval data for the largest customers, are used to re-estimate all of the days in the calendar month being reconciled. Updates to customers' account status and supplier assignments that may have been missed during the daily processing (due to timing) are included. The resulting hourly supplier load estimates for all the days in the month are reported and used by the ISO as the basis for the monthly resettlement.

**APPENDIX B
FORM OF GUARANTY**

Guaranty

This Guaranty (this "Guaranty"), dated effective as of [_____], 2006 (the "Effective Date"), is made and entered into by [_____], a [_____] corporation ("Guarantor").

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WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Narragansett Electric Company ("the Buyer") and [_____], a corporation organized under the laws of the State of [_____] ("Seller") and a [_____] of Guarantor, have entered into the Power Supply Agreement for Last Resort Service dated as of [_____], 2005 for the Delivery Term of [_____] (as such agreement may be amended and modified by the Buyer and Seller from time to time, the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Guarantor will directly or indirectly benefit from the Agreement between Seller and the Buyer;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Buyer entering into the Agreement, Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

- (1) **GUARANTY**. Subject to the provisions hereof, Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the full and faithful timely performance and payment when due of the obligations of Seller that are now due or may hereafter become due and payable to the Buyer under the Agreement (the "Obligations"). This Guaranty shall constitute a guarantee of performance and payment and not of collection. The liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty shall be specifically limited to performance and payments expressly required to be made under the Agreement (even if such payments are or are deemed to be damages) as well as costs of collection and enforcement of this Guaranty (including attorney's fees) to the extent reasonably and actually incurred by the Buyer (all of which such costs of collection and enforcement shall be subject to the limitation set forth in Section 1(a) above) but in no event shall Guarantor be subject hereunder to consequential, exemplary, equitable, loss of profits, punitive or tort damages, or, except to the extent specifically provided in the Agreement, any other damages.
- (2) **DEMANDS AND NOTICE**. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default or termination, as may be defined in the Agreement, if Seller fails or refuses to perform or pay any Obligations and the Buyer elects to exercise its rights under this Guaranty, the Buyer shall make a demand upon Guarantor (hereinafter referred to as a "Demand"). A Demand shall be in writing and shall reasonably and briefly specify in what manner and what amount Seller has failed to perform or pay and an explanation of why such performance or payment is due, with a specific statement that the Buyer is calling upon Guarantor to perform and/or pay under this Guaranty. A Demand satisfying the foregoing requirements shall be required with respect to Obligations before Guarantor is required to perform or pay (free of any deductions or withholdings) such Obligations hereunder and shall be deemed sufficient notice to Guarantor that it must perform the Obligations within two (2) Business Days, or pay the Obligations within five (5) Business Days, after its receipt of the Demand. A single written Demand shall be effective as to any specific default during the continuance of

such default, until Seller or Guarantor has cured such default, and additional written demands concerning such default shall not be required until such default is cured. As used herein, the term "Business Day" shall mean a day on which commercial banks or financial institutions are open for business in the State of Rhode Island.

(3) REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Guarantor represents and warrants that:

(a) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of [] and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Guaranty;

(b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty and each transaction contemplated by this Guaranty, do not and will not (with or without the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both, contravene, conflict with or result in a breach of or default under any provision of its constitution or any writ, order, judgment, law, rule or regulation to which it is a party or is subject or by which it is bound; and

(c) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over Guarantor is required on the part of Guarantor for the execution and delivery of this Guaranty; and

(d) this Guaranty, when executed and delivered, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of Guarantor, except as the enforceability of this Guaranty may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

(4) SETOFFS AND COUNTERCLAIMS. Without limiting Guarantor's own defenses and rights hereunder, Guarantor reserves to itself all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses to which Seller or any other affiliate of Guarantor is or may be entitled to arising from or out of the Agreement or otherwise, except for defenses arising out of the bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of Seller, the lack of power or authority of Seller to enter into, amend and/or perform the Agreement, or waiver or consent with respect to any provision thereof, or a claim as to the Agreement's validity regularity or enforceability, or any similar circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor generally.

(5) AMENDMENT OF GUARANTY. No term or provision of this Guaranty shall be amended, modified, altered, waived or supplemented except in a writing signed by Guarantor and the Buyer.

(6) WAIVER; TERMINATION. Except as required in Section 2 above, Guarantor hereby waives (a) notice of acceptance of this Guaranty; (b) presentment, demand and notice of dishonor concerning the liabilities of Guarantor; and (c) any right to require that any action or proceeding be brought against Seller or any other person, or to require that the Buyer exhaust its remedies against Seller or seek enforcement of any performance against Seller or any other person, or against any collateral pledged by Seller or any other person liable for payment or performance of the Obligations, prior to any action against Guarantor under the terms hereof. Buyer shall not be obligated to file any claim relating to the Obligations in the event that Seller becomes subject to a bankruptcy,

reorganization or similar proceeding, and the failure of the Buyer to so file shall not affect the Guarantor's obligations hereunder.

Except as to applicable statutes of limitation, no delay of the Buyer in the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any rights hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such rights, a waiver of any other rights or a release of Guarantor from any obligations hereunder.

Guarantor consents to the renewal, compromise, extension, acceleration or other changes including in the time of payment of and other changes in the terms of the Obligations, or any part thereof and amendments thereto, or any changes and modifications to the terms of the Agreement or waivers thereunder.

Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from its obligations hereunder by any proceeding, voluntary or involuntary, involving the bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, liquidation or arrangement of Seller or by any defense which Seller may have by reason of the order, decree or decision of any court or administrative body resulting from any such proceeding. Guarantor agrees that this Guaranty shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if all or any part of any payment made hereunder is at any time avoided or rescinded or must otherwise be restored or repaid by the Buyer as a result of the bankruptcy of Seller, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.

This Guaranty and the Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall remain in effect for the term of the Agreement.

NOTICE. Any Demand, notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder by any party to another (herein collectively called "Notice") shall be in writing and delivered personally or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by telegram or facsimile, as follows:

To the Buyer:

Vice President-Energy Supply New
England
National Grid Inc.
55 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532

Fax No.: (508) 421-7335
Phone No.: (518) 421-7350

To Guarantor:

Fax No.:
Phone No.:

Notice given by personal delivery or mail shall be effective upon actual receipt. Notice given by telegram shall be effective upon actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours. Notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon (i) actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours and (ii) confirmation of receipt by telephone. All Notices by telegram or facsimile shall be confirmed promptly after transmission in writing by certified mail or personal delivery. Any party may change any address to which Notice is to be given to it by giving notice in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

MISCELLANEOUS. This Guaranty shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of Rhode Island, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

This Guaranty shall be binding upon Guarantor and its successors and permitted assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Buyer and its successors and permitted assigns. The Guarantor may not assign this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of the Buyer. The Buyer may not assign its rights or benefits under this Guaranty in part or in whole except (i) with the prior written consent of the Guarantor, or (ii) pursuant to a permitted assignment of Agreement (“Assigned Agreement”), in which case the assignee will succeed to the rights of the Buyer hereunder arising after the date of such assignment. The Guarantor’s liability hereunder with respect to any and all such Assigned Agreement, together with any other liability of the Guarantor hereunder, will in all cases be subject to the Guarantor’s maximum aggregate liability set forth in Section 1(a) herein. Neither the Guarantor nor the Buyer will unreasonably withhold or delay consent to assignment.

This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding between Guarantor and the Buyer and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof. The headings in this Guaranty are for purposes of reference only, and shall not affect the meaning hereof.

Time is of the essence of this Guaranty. The remedies provided to the Buyer in this Guaranty are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa and any pronouns used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The term "person" as used herein means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, or government (or any agency or political subdivision thereof).

Wherever possible, any provision in this Guaranty which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any one jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has executed this Guaranty on _____,
2006, but it is effective as of the Effective Date.
[GUARANTOR]**

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BY:

NAME:

TITLE:

APPENDIX C

Buyer's Last Resort Service Requirements Matrix

By Customer Group, Load Responsibility, SMD Load Zone and Applicable Period

Customer Group	SMD Load Zone	Load Responsibility	Commencement Date	Conclusion Date
Commercial and Industrial Customer Group	Rhode Island	100%	November 1, 2006	April 30, 2007
Residential Customer Group	Rhode Island	100%	November 1, 2006	April 30, 2007

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APPENDIX D
 Contract Rate
 [SELLER'S NAME]
 By Customer Group and Month of Service, \$/MWh

Customer Group	<u>November</u> 2006	<u>December</u> 2006	<u>January</u> 2007	<u>February</u> 2007	<u>March</u> 2007	<u>April</u> 2007
Commercial and Industrial Contract Rate						
Residential Contract Rate						

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**Master Power Agreement
(Red-lined Version)**

RHODE ISLAND MASTER POWER AGREEMENT

This **MASTER POWER AGREEMENT** (“Master Power Agreement”) is dated as of [date] and is by and between **THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY**, a Rhode Island corporation (“Buyer”) and [Company], a [what] (“Seller”). This Master Power Agreement provides for the sale by Seller of Last Resort Service, as defined herein, to the Buyer. The Buyer and Seller are referred to herein individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties”.

ARTICLE 1. BASIC UNDERSTANDINGS

Seller and Buyer have agreed to execute this Master Power Agreement in order to establish the basic terms of Seller’s provision and sale of, and Buyer’s acceptance and purchase of, Last Resort Service. This Master Power Agreement, together with the Appendices and written supplements (including any Confirmations) hereto, and any designated collateral, credit support or margin agreement or similar arrangement between the Parties regarding the Transactions (as defined in Article 2), shall be referred to as the “Agreement” and shall constitute the entire agreement between the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any other agreements, written or oral, between the Parties concerning such subject matter but specifically excluding written agreements executed by the Parties prior to the Effective Date.

ARTICLE 2. DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article. In addition, except as otherwise expressly provided, terms with initial capitalization used in this Agreement and not defined herein shall have the meaning as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

Affiliate means, with respect to any Party, any entity (other than a person) that, directly or indirectly, controls, or is controlled by, or is under common control with, such Party. For this purpose, “control” means the direct or indirect ownership of fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding capital stock or other equity interests having ordinary voting power.

Award Block means the numerical designation, for administrative purposes only, as may be set forth on a Confirmation to identify Customer Groups to be served from and including the Commencement Date through the Conclusion Date, in a specified Load Zone, and the associated Load Asset Number and Load Asset Name, or other information as may be associated therewith in a Confirmation.

Business Day means a 24-hour period ending at 5:00 p.m. EPT, other than Saturday, Sunday and any day which is a legal holiday or a day on which banking institutions in Providence, Rhode Island are authorized by law or other governmental action to close.

Buyer has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Master Power Agreement, along with any successors, assigns, employees, agents and authorized representatives thereof.

Buyer's Service Territory means the geographic area served by The Narragansett Electric Company including the service territory formerly served by Blackstone Valley Electric Company and Newport Electric Corporation which has been merged with and into The Narragansett Electric Company.

Buyer's System means the electrical transmission and distribution system of the Buyer and the electrical transmission and distribution system of any Affiliate of the Buyer.

Commencement Date means the period at HE 0100 EPT on the date set forth for each Customer Group in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

Commercial and Industrial Contract Rate means the value as set forth in Appendix D as applicable to a month in the Delivery Term.

Commercial and Industrial Customer Group means Narragansett's customers in the C-06, C-08, E-40, G-02, G-22, N-01, R-02, S-00, T-00, V-00, B-00, B-32, B-62, B-72, G-32, G-62, H-72, X-01 and M-1A&B retail rate classes, or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time.

Commission means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or its successor.

Competitive Supplier Terms means Narragansett's Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers, R.I.P.U.C. No. 1191, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the RIPUC.

Conclusion Date means the period at HE 2400 EPT on the date set forth for each Customer Group in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

Confirmation means a confirmation that is mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties, which may be in the form set forth in Appendix B or in a form otherwise agreed to by the Parties, such document to serve as a supplement or modification of this Master Power Agreement with respect to a specific Transaction.

Confirmation Term means, for the applicable Transaction, the period beginning as of the effective date set forth in a Confirmation and continuing through to the date both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction.

Contract Rate has the meaning set forth in the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

Credit Rating means (i) the lower of the ratings assigned to an entity's unsecured, senior long-term debt obligations (not supported by third party credit enhancements) by S&P and Moody's, (ii) in the event the entity does not have a rating for its senior unsecured long-term debt, the lower of the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by S&P and Moody's, or the rating assigned to the entity as an issuer rating by any other rating agency agreed to by both Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

Customer Disconnection Date means the date when a Last Resort Service Customer is disconnected from service, as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

Customer Group means Buyer's customers who receive Last Resort Service in the Commercial and Industrial Customer Group and/or Residential Customer Group in each Load Zone corresponding to each of the foregoing customer groups as specified on the Confirmation for the applicable Transaction.

Customer Termination Date means the date when a Last Resort Service Customer ceases to take service under the Last Resort Service Tariff, each date as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

Delivered Energy means the quantity of energy, expressed in megawatt-hours, provided by Seller with respect to a specific Transaction. This quantity shall be the sum of the quantity of energy reported to the ISO by the Buyer for each of the Load Assets identified in a specific Transaction, with such quantity determined by the Buyer in accordance with Section 6.3 of this Master Power Agreement. Such quantity shall not include any allocation of PTF losses (which the ISO may assess to Seller in relation to such energy), but shall include transmission and distribution losses on the Buyer's System from the Delivery Point to the meters of Last Resort Service Customers.

Delivery Point means, for each Load Asset (x) identified in or in accordance with a specific Transaction and (y) as set forth in the Confirmation related to a specific Transaction (i) the Nodes at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the registered Load Assets representing the physical loads of Last Resort Service Customers for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads With Nodes"), for any period and in any location in which there are Loads With Nodes and the ISO requires use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations, or (ii) the Load Zones at which the Real-Time Load Obligations are established in the ISO Settlement Power System Model for the Load Assets representing the physical loads of Last Resort Service Customers for the Delivery Term for such customers, identified by the Load Asset ("Loads with Zones") if (a) the ISO does not require use of Nodes for Real-Time Load Obligations and (b) the use of Loads with Zones in a calculation of ISO settlement charges and costs yields the same mathematical result as a calculation thereof using Loads with Nodes; or (iii) in the event of neither (i) nor (ii), Loads with Nodes and, in any location in which there are no Loads with Nodes, Loads with Zones.

Delivery Term(s) means the period(s) set forth in a the Confirmation for a Transaction for the respective Last Resort Service designations, beginning on at the top of the HE 01:00 EPT on the Commencement Date (set forth in the applicable Confirmation) and continuing through and including the end of HE 24:00 EPT on the Conclusion Date.

Distribution Service Terms means Narragansett's Terms and Conditions, R.I.P.U.C. No. 1192, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the RIPUC.

Effective Date means the date that this Master Power Agreement is executed by all Parties.

EPT means Eastern Prevailing Time.

Governing Documents means, with respect to any particular entity, (a) if a corporation, the (i) articles of organization, articles of incorporation or certificate of incorporation and (ii) the bylaws; (b) if a general partnership, the partnership agreement and any statement of partnership;

(c) if a limited partnership, the limited partnership agreement and the certificate of limited partnership; (d) if a limited liability company, the articles or certificate of organization or formation and operating agreement; (e) if another type of entity, any other charter or similar document adopted or filed in connection with the creation, formation or organization of such entity; (f) all equity holders' agreements, voting agreements, voting trust agreements, joint venture agreements, registration rights agreements or other agreements or documents relating to the organization, management or operation of any entity or relating to the rights, duties and obligations of the equity holders of any entity; and (g) any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing.

Initiation Date means the date a retail customer of the Buyer begins taking service pursuant to the Last Resort Service Tariff as determined by the Buyer in accordance with the Distribution Service Terms.

Interest Rate means, for any date, the lesser of (a) the per annum rate of interest equal to the prime lending rate as may from time to time be published in *The Wall Street Journal* under "Money Rates" on such day (or if not published on such day, on the most recent preceding day on which published), plus two percent (2%) and (b) the maximum rate permitted by applicable law.

Investment Grade means (i) if any entity has a Credit Rating from both S&P and Moody's then, a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" and a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3"; or (ii) if an entity has a Credit Rating from only one of S&P and Moody's, then a Credit Rating from S&P equal to or better than "BBB-" or a Credit Rating from Moody's equal to or better than "Baa3 or (iii) if the Parties have mutually agreed in writing on an additional or alternative rating agency, then a credit rating mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties in each Party's sole and exclusive judgment.

ISO means ISO New England Inc., authorized by the Commission to exercise for New England the functions required pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 2000 (and its progeny) and the Commission's regulations, and any successor organization (including but not limited to a Regional Transmission Organization.).

ISO Tariff means the ISO New England Inc. Transmission, Markets and Services Tariff, FERC Electric Tariff No. 3, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time, and including the Market Rules and Procedures.

ISO New England Operating Documents means the ISO Tariff and the ISO New England Operating Procedures, as amended, modified, superseded and supplemented from time to time.

Last Resort Service means the provision of Requirements by Seller at the Delivery Point to Narragansett to meet all needs of Last Resort Service Customers.

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Last Resort Service Customer(s) means the retail customer(s) in the Commercial and Industrial Customer Group of Narragansett taking service pursuant to the Last Resort Service Tariff

Last Resort Service Tariff means Narragansett's Tariff for Last Resort Service, R.I.P.U.C. No. 1165, as may be amended from time to time and approved by the RIPUC.

Locational Marginal Pricing means as set forth in the Market Rules and Procedures.

Market Rules and Procedures means the Market Rules, Manuals and Procedures adopted by the ISO and/or NEPOOL, as may be amended from time to time, and as administered by the ISO to govern the operation of the NEPOOL markets.

Material Adverse Effect means, with respect to a Party, any change in or effect on such Party after the date of this Agreement that is materially adverse to the transactions contemplated hereby, excluding any change or effect resulting from (a) changes in the international, national, regional or local wholesale or retail markets for electric power; (b) changes in the international, national, regional or local markets for any fuel; (c) changes in the North American, national, regional or local electric transmission or distribution systems; and (d) any action or inaction by a governmental authority, but in any such case not affecting the Parties or the transactions contemplated hereby in any manner or degree significantly different from others in the industry as a whole.

Moody's means Moody's Investors Service, its successors and assigns.

MWh means Megawatt-hour.

NE-GIS means the NEPOOL Generation Information System, which includes a generation information database and certificate system, operated by NEPOOL, its designee or successor entity, that accounts for generation attributes of electricity consumed within New England.

NE-GIS Certificates means a document produced by the NE-GIS that identifies the relevant generation attributes of each MWh accounted for in the NE-GIS from a generation unit.

NEPOOL means the New England Power Pool, or its successor.

NEPOOL Agreement means the Second Restated New England Power Pool Agreement dated as of February 1, 2005, as amended or accepted by the Commission and as may be amended, modified, superseded, supplemented and/or restated from time to time.

NEPOOL Rules means all rules adopted by NEPOOL or the ISO, as such rules may be amended, modified, supplemented or superseded and restated from time to time, including but not limited to, the NEPOOL Agreement, the ISO Tariff, the ISO New England Operating Documents, the Transmission Operating Agreement, the Participants Agreement, the NEPOOL Manuals, and the NEPOOL Operating Procedures, as amended, superseded or restated from time to time.

Net Worth means total assets, exclusive of intangible assets, less total liabilities, as reflected on the most recent balance sheet prepared by a certified public accountant as part of a certified financial statement in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied in the business sector of the Seller.

PTF means facilities categorized as Pool Transmission Facilities under the ISO Tariff.

Requirements means all electric generation and/or market purchases and delivery, to the Delivery Point, of the electric capacity, energy, ancillary services, operating reserves (including forward reserves) and all other market products required by the Buyer to provide kilowatt-hours to meet the needs of Last Resort Service Customers to the Delivery Term.

Residential Customer Rate means the value as set forth in Appendix D.

Residential Customer Group means Narragansett's customers in the A-16, A-18, A-32, A-34, A-60, A-62, E-30 retail rate classes, or such other rate classes as may be added from time to time.

RIPUC means the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission.

RI Load Zone means the Rhode Island Reliability Region as defined in the NEPOOL Rules.

S&P means Standard & Poor's Rating Group, its successors and assigns.

Term means as defined in Section 3.1.

Transaction means a particular transaction agreed to by Buyer and Seller relating to the purchase and sale of Last Resort Service pursuant to this Agreement, as evidenced by the execution of a written Confirmation by Buyer and Seller setting forth the specific terms and conditions thereof.

ARTICLE 3. TERM, SERVICE PROVISIONS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Section 3.1 Term

The term of this Master Power Agreement (the "Term") shall commence on the Effective Date and shall continue in effect until it's the earlier of (i) its termination by any Party upon thirty (30) days' prior written notice and (ii) its termination in accordance with Subsection 7.2(a); provided, however, that such termination shall not affect or excuse the performance of any Party under any provision of this Master Power Agreement that by its terms or operation survives any such termination and, provided further, that this Master Power Agreement and any other documents executed and delivered hereunder shall remain in effect with respect to the Transaction(s) entered into prior to the effective date of such termination until both Parties have fulfilled all of their obligations with respect to such Transaction(s). As of the termination of this Master Power Agreement, subject to the immediately foregoing sentence, and subject to any time limits specifically set forth in this Master Power Agreement or in a Confirmation, the Parties shall no longer be bound by the terms and provisions hereof, except (a) to the extent necessary to enforce the rights and obligations of the Parties arising under this Master Power Agreement before such expiration or termination or (b) that such terms and provisions expressly or by their operation survive the termination or expiration of this Master Power Agreement.

Section 3.2 Commencement of Supply

(a) Beginning as of the Commencement Date for each specific Customer Group in a specific Transaction, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer. For purposes of certainty: Seller's obligations on the Commencement Date shall be to provide Requirements for all Last Resort Service Customers identified in the related Confirmation taking service as of and including the Commencement Date.

(b) With respect to each person or entity that becomes a Last Resort Service Customer subsequent to the applicable Commencement Date, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer to meet the needs of the Last Resort Service Customer(s) as of and including the Initiation Date for such customer initiating such service during the applicable Delivery Term.

(c) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Initiation Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Initiation Date shall include the account number, the date Seller's service to the Buyer is to begin for a Last Resort Service Customer and the customer's rate class.

Section 3.3 Termination and Conclusion of Supply

(a) With respect to each Last Resort Service Customer that terminates Last Resort Service during the applicable Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Termination Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Termination Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, the Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Termination Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Termination Date shall include the account number, the Customer Termination Date and the customer's rate class.

(c) Seller's obligation to provide Requirements with respect to each specific Customer Group in a specific Transaction shall cease at the applicable Conclusion Date.

Section 3.4 Customer Disconnection Date

(a) With respect to each Last Resort Service Customer whose Last Resort Service is disconnected during the applicable Delivery Term, Seller shall provide Requirements to the Buyer for such customer on the Customer Disconnection Date but shall not provide Requirements for such customer after the Customer Disconnection Date.

(b) If Seller elects to receive electronic notification as provided in Section 3.7, The Buyer shall provide to Seller a notice of Customer Disconnection Date via electronic file transfer and in a format specified by the Buyer. Each notice of Customer Disconnection Date shall include the account number, the Customer Disconnection Date and the customer's rate class.

Section 3.5 Distribution Service Interruptions

Seller acknowledges that interruptions in distribution service occur and may reduce the load served hereunder. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer may interrupt distribution service to customers consistent with the Distribution Service Terms and the Competitive Supplier Terms. In no event shall a Party have any liability or obligation to the other Party in respect of any such interruptions in distribution service.

Section 3.6 Release of Customer Information

The Buyer will not issue any customer information to Seller unless Seller has first obtained the necessary authorization in accordance with the provisions of the Competitive Supplier Terms.

Section 3.7 Electronic Notification

At Seller's election, the Buyer shall provide notices contemplated by Sections 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 via electronic file transfer. Such election shall only be effective when Seller (i) establishes an account on the Advantis Value Added Network ("VAN"), and (ii) verifies its ability to transfer files to and receive files from the Buyer at least fourteen (14) days prior to the day on which Seller desires to commence electronic receipt. Seller shall bear all costs to establish an account and all costs of Seller and the Buyer to use the VAN. If Seller fails to pay all VAN costs and charges when due and payable, Seller's election shall not be valid and the Buyer shall no longer be obligated to provide electronic notification.

Section 3.8 Change in Supply; No Prohibition on Programs

(a) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the number of customers and the Requirements to meet the needs of such customers will fluctuate throughout the Delivery Term and may equal zero. The Buyer shall not be liable to Seller for any losses Seller may incur, including but not limited to lost revenues, and losses that may result from any change in Requirements, number or location of customers taking service, the location of the Delivery Point(s), the composition or components of market products or Requirements, or the market for electricity, or change in the Distribution Service Terms or the Last Resort Service Tariff. Seller further acknowledges and agrees that there is no limit on the number of Customer Initiation Dates, Customer Termination Dates and Customer Disconnection Dates.

(b) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer has the right but not the obligation to continue, initiate, support or participate in any programs, promotions, or initiatives designed to or with the effect of encouraging customers to leave Last Resort Service for any reason ("Programs"). Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to require notice to or approval of Seller in order for the Buyer to take any action in relation to Programs.

(c) Seller acknowledges and agrees that the Buyer and Affiliates of the Buyer will not provide Seller preferential access to or use of the Buyer's System and that Seller's sole and exclusive rights and remedies with regard to access to, use or availability of the Buyer's System, and the Buyer's or Affiliates of the Buyer's obligation to transmit electricity are those rights, remedies and obligations provided under the Distribution Service Terms or the NEPOOL Rules.

Section 3.9 Uniform Disclosure Requirements

Seller shall provide the Buyer information pertaining to power plant emissions, fuel types, labor information and any other information required by the Buyer to comply with the uniform disclosure requirements contained in 220 CMR 11.00 and any other disclosure regulations which may be imposed upon the Buyer during the term of this Agreement, as such disclosure requirements apply to Last Resort Service provided by Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

Seller shall utilize the NE-GIS to transfer Load Obligations or NE-GIS Certificates, as applicable, to the Buyer's certificate account in the number equal to the Delivered Energy for

Last Resort Service in a month during the term of a Transaction. Such Load Obligations or NE-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller at least five (5) Business Days prior to the close of the applicable Trading Period. The Load Obligations or NE-GIS Certificates, as applicable, shall be delivered by Seller to an account within the NE-GIS designated by the Buyer.

ARTICLE 4. SALE AND PURCHASE

Section 4.1 Provision Delivery and Receipt

With respect to each Transaction, Seller shall provide and deliver to the Delivery Point and the Buyer shall receive at the Delivery Point the percent of the Requirements applicable to each Customer Group during the Delivery Term, all as set forth in the Confirmation related to such Transaction.

Section 4.2 Responsibilities

(a) The Buyer shall arrange with the ISO for transmission service over the PTF and non-PTF from and after the Delivery Point to the customers' meters. The Buyer shall be responsible for all transmission costs over the PTF and non-PTF from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Buyer's customers. Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution costs associated with the delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point except the transmission costs otherwise provided for in this paragraph.

(b) Seller shall be responsible for all decisions and data submissions associated with the Ownership Share of the Load Assets in ARTICLE 6, Section 6.4 including any bids into the market system to manage these obligations.

(c) Seller shall be responsible for all present and future obligations, requirements, and costs associated with the Requirements and/or Seller's provision thereof, whether system wide or locational based including, but not limited to, the real-time load obligations, capacity obligations and/or charges (including but not limited to ICAP/UCAP/Locational ICAP/locational unforced capacity, forward capacity market obligations), regulation obligations and/or charges (including any regulation opportunity costs), operating reserve obligations and/or charges (including, but not limited to, (w) any real-time reserve charges, (x) any forward reserve charges and (y) any charges associated with Reserve Constraint Penalty Factors ("RCPFs"), and (z) RMR operating reserve charges other than RMR operating reserve charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6, net commitment period compensation (NCPC) charges (other than RMR NCPC charges that are monthly fixed-cost charges paid to resources pursuant to agreements negotiated under Market Rule 1 Appendix A, Section 6), emergency energy charges, inadvertent energy revenue charges, ISO Schedule 1 charges (other than ISO Schedule 1 charges that are both (i) associated with the Buyer's Regional Network Service and (ii) allocated on the basis of Regional Network Load), ISO Schedule 2 charges, ISO Schedule 3 charges, day-ahead energy market charges, and real-time energy market charges at the nodes, if any, and if none, the zones representing the actual locations of the meters of the Last Resort Service Customers, and any other requirements, market products, expenses and charges imposed by NEPOOL or the ISO, as they may be in effect from time to time related to the provision and/or delivery of Requirements to and including the Delivery Point. Except as otherwise specifically excluded in this paragraph, Seller's

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responsibility for costs and charges shall be without regard to the manner in which they are allocated by NEPOOL or the ISO.

(d) Seller shall be responsible for all costs and components thereof of any Locational Marginal Prices to provide Last Resort Service (during the applicable Delivery Term), including its delivery to the Delivery Point. These components include the energy component, loss component, and congestion component.

(e) Seller shall be responsible for all congestion charges for delivery to the actual meters of Last Resort Service Customers (during the applicable Delivery Term).

(f) Seller shall notify Buyer within one Business Day of receipt of notice of termination from the ISO or event of default or similar occurrence under the Market Participant Service Agreement.

ARTICLE 5. AMOUNT, BILLING and PAYMENT

Section 5.1 Amount

The amount payable by the Buyer to Seller shall be the sum of the amounts due under all applicable Transactions.

Section 5.2 Billing and Payment

(a) On or before the tenth (10th) day of each month during the Term, Seller shall calculate the amount due and payable to Seller pursuant to Section 5.1 with respect to the preceding month (the "Calculation"). Seller shall provide the Calculation to the Buyer and such Calculation shall include sufficient detail for the Buyer to verify its formulation and computation. Calculations under this paragraph shall be subject to recalculation in accordance with Article 6 and shall be subject to adjustment (positive or negative) based upon such recalculation (a "Reconciliation Adjustment"). Seller shall promptly calculate the Reconciliation Adjustment upon receiving data described in Section 6.3 and shall include the adjustment, if any, in the next month's Invoice. A Reconciliation Adjustment based upon a change in the quantity for an earlier month shall be calculated using the applicable Contract Rate for the month in which the Delivered Energy was received.

(b) Seller shall submit to the Buyer an invoice with such Calculation as provided for in paragraph (a) of this Section (the "Invoice") and the respective amounts due under this Master Power Agreement not later than the tenth (10th) day of each month. The Buyer shall pay Seller the amount of the Invoice (including the Reconciliation Adjustment, if any, as a debit or credit) less any amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day after receiving the Invoice (the "Due Date"). Except for amounts disputed in accordance with Section 5.3, if all or any part of the Invoice remains unpaid after the Due Date, interest shall accrue after but not including the Due Date and be payable to Seller on such unpaid amount at the Interest Rate in effect on the Due Date. The Due Date for a Reconciliation Adjustment shall be the Due Date of the Invoice in which it is included.

(c) Each Party shall notify the other Party upon becoming aware of an error in an Invoice, Calculation or Reconciliation Adjustment (whether the amount is paid or not) and Seller shall promptly issue a corrected Invoice. Overpayments shall be returned by the receiving Party upon request or deducted by the receiving Party from subsequent invoices, with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the date of the receipt of the overpayment until the date paid or deducted.

Section 5.3 Challenge to Invoices

Unless otherwise agreed: (i) either Party may challenge, in writing, the accuracy of Calculations, Invoices or Reconciliation Adjustments (or the data utilized in the forgoing) no later than twenty-four (24) months after the Due Date of the Invoice in which the disputed information is contained; (ii) if a Party does not challenge the accuracy within such twenty-four (24) month period, such Invoice shall be binding upon that Party and shall not be subject to challenge. If an Invoice is paid and thereafter the payment or the Invoice on which the payment was based is disputed, upon notice of dispute, the Party receiving payment shall hold the amount in dispute in escrow for the benefit of the prevailing Party until the resolution of such dispute. If any amount in dispute is ultimately determined (under the terms herein) to be due to the other Party, it shall be paid or returned (as the case may be) to the other Party within three (3) Business Days of such determination along with interest accrued at the Interest Rate from the (i) date due and owing in accordance with the Invoice until the date paid or (ii) if the amount was paid and is to be returned, from the date paid, until the date returned.

Section 5.4 Taxes, Fees and Levies

Seller shall be obligated to pay all present and future taxes, fees and levies (“Taxes”) which may be assessed by any entity upon the Seller's performance under this Agreement including but not limited to the purchase and sale of Requirements. Seller shall pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements up to and at the Delivery Point, and the Buyer will pay all Taxes with respect to the Requirements after the Delivery Point. All Requirements, including electricity and other related market products delivered hereunder by Seller to the Buyer shall be sales for resale with the Buyer reselling such electricity and products.

Section 5.5 Netting and Setoff

Except for security provided pursuant to this Agreement (which shall not be considered for purposes of this Section 5.5) and unless otherwise specified in another agreement between the Parties, if the Parties are required to pay an amount on the same date each to the other under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties, or if any costs that are a Party's responsibility under this Agreement are incorrectly or inappropriately charged to the Party by the ISO, such amounts shall be netted, and the Party owing the greater aggregate amount shall pay to the other Party any difference between the amounts owed. Each Party reserves all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other remedies and defenses (to the extent not expressly herein or therein waived or denied) that such Party has or to which such Party may be entitled arising from or out of this Agreement or the other agreement. Further, if the Buyer incurs any costs or charges that are the responsibility of Seller under this Agreement, such costs or charges may, at the Buyer's election, be netted against any amount due to Seller under this Agreement. All outstanding obligations to make payment under this Agreement or any other agreement between the Parties may be netted against each other, set off or recouped therefrom, or otherwise adjusted.

**ARTICLE 6. QUALITY; LOSSES and QUANTITIES REQUIRED;
DETERMINATION AND REPORTING OF HOURLY LOADS**

Section 6.1 Quality

All electricity shall be delivered to the Buyer in the form of three-phase sixty-hertz alternating current at the Delivery Point.

Section 6.2 Losses

Seller shall be responsible for all transmission and distribution losses and the costs related to such losses and associated with the Requirements, namely, losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of the Last Resort Service Customers. Seller shall provide to the Buyer at the Delivery Point quantities of electricity and ancillary services, capacity and all other market products related thereto to cover such losses from the Delivery Point to the meters of Last Resort Service Customers. The quantities required for this purpose in each hour of a billing period shall be determined in accordance with ISO's and the Buyer's procedures for loss determination.

Section 6.3 Determination and Reporting of Hourly Loads

(a) The Buyer will estimate the Delivered Energy for Last Resort Service provided by Seller pursuant to each Transaction based upon average load profiles developed for each of the Buyer's customer classes and the Buyer's actual total hourly load. The Buyer shall report to the ISO and Seller, the estimated Delivered Energy for each Transaction. The Buyer will normally report to the ISO and to Seller Seller's estimated Delivered Energy by 1:00 P.M. EPT of the second following Business Day. Appendix A provides a general description of the estimation process that the Buyer will initially employ (the "Estimation Process"). The Buyer shall have the right but not the obligation, in its sole and exclusive judgment, to modify the Estimation Process from time to time, provided that any such modification is designed with the objective of improving the accuracy of the Estimation Process.

Each month, the Buyer shall reconcile the Buyer's estimate of the Delivered Energy for each Transaction based upon the Buyer's meter reads (such meter reads as provided for in the Distribution Service Terms). The reconciliation, including all losses, shall be the adjusted Delivered Energy. The Buyer will normally notify the ISO of any resulting adjustment (debit or credit) to Seller's account for the Load Assets (set forth in a specific Confirmation) no later than the last day of the third month following the billing month. Appendix A provides a general description of this reconciliation process, which process may be changed by the Buyer from time to time in its sole and exclusive discretion.

Section 6.4 ISO Settlement Market System Implementation

As soon as possible after the execution of a Confirmation related to a specific Transaction and before the applicable Commencement Date, the Buyer shall assign to Seller, and Seller shall accept assignment of an Ownership Share for each Load Asset in such Confirmation. Such assignment shall be effective beginning on the applicable Commencement Date. Seller shall maintain such ownership until the Conclusion Date (or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)). Seller shall take any and all actions necessary to

effectuate such assignment and, if applicable in accordance with the foregoing, transfer, including executing documents required by the ISO. Once Seller's provision of Last Resort Service terminates (effective as of the minute after the Conclusion Date or, if earlier, the termination date established in accordance with 7.2(a)), the Buyer will terminate Seller's Ownership Shares of the aforementioned Load Assets

The Buyer shall have the right to change the Load Asset designations from time to time, consistent with the definition and provision of Last Resort Service. If and to the extent such designations change, the Buyer and Seller shall cooperate to timely put into effect the necessary ISO Settlement Market System contracts that may be necessary to implement the new designations and terminate the prior designations.

ARTICLE 7. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

Section 7.1 Events of Default

(a) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to the Buyer:

(i) Failure of the Buyer

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to Seller's wrongful act or failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) After receipt of written notice from Seller such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect such cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that the Buyer (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect a cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to Seller written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure.

(b) Any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to Seller:

(i) Failure of Seller

(A) in any material respect to comply with, observe, or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement (but excluding events that are otherwise specifically covered in this Section as a separate Event of Default and except due to causes excused by Force Majeure or attributable to the Buyer's wrongful act or wrongful failure to act in breach of this Agreement); and

(B) after receipt of written notice from the Buyer such failure continues for a period of five (5) Business Days, or, if such failure cannot be reasonably cured

within such five (5) Business Day period, such further period as shall reasonably be required to effect a cure (but in no event longer than thirty (30) days), provided that Seller (x) commences within such five (5) Business Day period to effect such cure and at all times thereafter proceeds diligently to complete the cure as quickly as possible and (y) provides to Buyer written documentation of its efforts and plan to cure and estimated time for completion of the cure;

- (ii) Failure of Seller to provide Requirements in accordance with Articles 3 and 4;
- (iii) Failure of Seller to satisfy its obligation to provide security when due and in accordance with Section 7.3;

(c) Any one or more of the following events with respect to either Party shall constitute an "Event of Default" hereunder with respect to such Party:

- (i) The entry by a court having jurisdiction in the premises of (A) a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or (B) a decree or order adjudging such Party as bankrupt or insolvent, or approving as properly filed a petition seeking reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of or in respect of such Party under any applicable federal or state law, or appointing a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of such Party or of any substantial part of its property, or ordering the winding up or liquidation of its affairs;
- (ii) The commencement by such Party of a voluntary case or proceeding, or any filing by a third party of an involuntary case or proceeding against a Party that is not dismissed within thirty (30) days of such third party's filing, under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law, or of any other case or proceeding to be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or the consent by it to the entry of a decree or order for relief in respect of such Party in an involuntary case or proceeding under any applicable federal or state bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar law or to the commencement of any bankruptcy or insolvency case or proceeding against it, or the filing by it of a petition or answer or consent seeking reorganization or relief under any applicable federal or state law, or the consent by it to the filing of such petition or to the appointment of or taking possession by a custodian, receiver, liquidator, assignee, trustee, sequestrator or other similar official of a Party or of any substantial part of its property, or the making by it of an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or the admission by it in writing of its inability to pay its debts generally as they become due, or the taking of corporate action by such Party in furtherance of any such action;
- (iii) Any representation or warranty made by a Party is or becomes false or misleading in any material respect.

Section 7.2 Remedies Upon Default

The Parties shall have the following remedies available to them with respect to the occurrence of an Event of Default with respect to the other Party hereunder:

(a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to (i) continue performance under this Agreement and exercise such rights and remedies as it may have at law, in equity or under this Agreement and seek remedies as may be necessary or desirable to enforce performance and observation of any obligations and covenants under this Agreement, so long as such rights and remedies are not duplicative of any other rights and remedies hereof, and do not otherwise enable the non-defaulting Party to obtain performance or payments in excess of the performance and payments to which it is otherwise entitled pursuant to this Agreement, or (ii) at its option, give such defaulting Party a written notice (a "Termination Notice") terminating this Agreement and all, but not less than all, Transactions. Upon a termination for an Event of Default under Section 7.1(a), (b) or (c)(iii), such termination shall be effective as of the date specified in the Termination Notice, which date shall be no earlier than the date such notice is effective and no later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice is provided to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8. Upon a termination for a default or Event of Default under Section 7.1(c)(i) or (ii), such termination shall be effective as of the Event of Default, provided that the non-defaulting Party provides written notice to the defaulting Party in accordance with Article 8 within ten (10) Business Days of the Event of Default. Any attempted cure by a defaulting Party after this Agreement has been terminated by the non-defaulting Party shall be void and of no effect. The Parties' obligations under this Agreement, in general and under this Section 7.2 in particular, are subject to the duty to mitigate damages as provided under common law.

(b) Seller expressly agrees that at any time after the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, or the delivery of a Termination Notice to Seller by the Buyer, the Buyer may exercise any rights it may have pursuant to the Article 7.3 (Security).

(c) In the event of termination for an Event of Default as provided in Section 7.1, in addition to any amounts owed for performance (or failure to perform) hereunder prior to such termination, the non-defaulting Party may recover, without duplication, its direct damages resulting from such Event of Default; such damages shall include the positive (if any) present value of this Agreement to the non-defaulting Party for the portion of the Delivery Term remaining at the time of such termination, to be determined by reference to market prices, transaction costs and load reasonably projected for the remaining portion of the Delivery Term ("Termination Damages"). The Termination Damages shall include all reasonably incurred transaction costs and expenses that otherwise would not have been incurred by the non-defaulting Party. In determining its Termination Damages, the non-defaulting Party shall offset its losses and costs by any gains or savings realized by the non-defaulting Party as a result of the termination.

Payment of Termination Damages, if any, shall be made by the defaulting Party to the non-defaulting Party within five (5) days after calculation of such Termination Damages and receipt of a notice including such calculation of the amounts owed hereunder and a written statement showing in reasonable detail the calculation and a summary of the method used to determine such amounts. Upon the reasonable request of the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party shall provide reasonable documentation to verify the costs underlying the Termination Damages. If the defaulting Party disputes the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, in whole or in part, the defaulting Party shall, within five (5) days of

receipt of the non-defaulting Party's calculation of the Termination Damages, provide to the non-defaulting Party a detailed written explanation of the basis for such dispute; provided, however, that, the defaulting Party shall first pay the Termination Damages, if any, to the non-defaulting Party in accordance with the preceding sentence, and the non-defaulting Party shall then deposit such disputed amount into an interest bearing bankruptcy-remote escrow account for the benefit of the prevailing Party and the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 15.2.

(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the cure of any default or failure to comply with, observe or perform any covenant, warranty or obligation under this Agreement within the period provided therefor in this Article shall not release such defaulting Party from its obligations under Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

(e) Upon termination the Buyer shall, and upon the occurrence of an Event of Default by Seller, the Buyer shall have the right to, immediately notify the ISO that (i) the assignment from the Buyer to Seller of the Ownership Share has been terminated, (ii) the Load Asset(s) shall be removed from Seller's account and placed in the account of the Buyer and (iii) Seller consents to such action. In the event the Buyer so notifies the ISO, Seller shall immediately take any and all actions that may be required by the ISO to remove the Load Asset from Seller's account and place it in the account of the Buyer. If the Agreement and any Transactions have not been terminated, the Buyer, in its sole discretion with five (5) Business Days prior notice to Seller, may elect to assign the Ownership Share of the Load Asset(s) set forth in the associated Confirmation(s) to the account of Seller and Seller shall accept such assignment, consistent with the actions required by Section 6.4 of this Master Power Agreement.

Section 7.3 Security

The Parties will agree upon the amount of credit support applicable to each Transaction, the terms of which shall be set forth in each Confirmation and which shall be subject to this Section. With respect to each Transaction, within five (5) Business Days after execution of the related Confirmation, Seller shall provide such credit support in accordance with this Section 7.3 and as further described in the Confirmation.

(a) Seller, at all times during the term of a Transaction, shall either (i) maintain (A) a Credit Rating at least equal to Investment Grade and (B) a Net Worth at least equal to _____ (the "Credit Requirements") or (ii) provide security in accordance with Section 7.3(b). Prior to the Commencement Date of each Transaction and at any time during the term of any Transaction, upon the request of Buyer, Seller (or its guarantor at any time that a guaranty delivered pursuant to Paragraph (A) of Subsection (b) of this Section is in effect) shall establish that it meets the Credit Requirements by providing (x) a certificate of an authorized officer, accompanied by supporting certified financial statements and (y) documentation of all Credit Ratings. Seller shall inform the Buyer within one (1) Business Day of any failure of it or its guarantor (at any time that a guaranty delivered pursuant to Paragraph (A) of Subsection (b) of this Section is in effect) to meet Credit Requirements, or of being placed by S&P or Moody's on credit watch, under review for a downgrade or with negative implications.

(b) If, at any time during the term of a Transaction, Seller fails to meet the Credit Requirements, then Seller shall provide security to the Buyer (i) in an amount specified in each Confirmation ; and (ii) in one of the following forms, within five (5) Business Days of the occurrence of such failure to meet the Credit Requirements;

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- (A) A guaranty of Seller's obligations hereunder issued by an Affiliate of Seller that meets the Credit Requirements and in substantially the form set forth in Appendix C attached hereto;
- (B) An irrevocable, transferable standby letter of credit (x) issued by a U.S. commercial bank or a foreign bank with a U.S. branch with such bank having a credit rating of at least "A-" from S&P or "A3" from Moody's, (y) in a form acceptable to Buyer, including a provision permitting the Buyer upon an Event of Default as to Seller to draw down, on one or more occasions, in whole or in part, as the case may be, on the letter of credit and also permitting the Buyer to draw down an amount equal to Buyer's Termination Damages without giving effect to Section 5.5 (Netting and Setoff), and (z) that shall terminate no earlier than 120 days from the later of the termination or expiration of the Agreement. If Seller is required to provide the bank with a guarantee or any other form of financial assurance from one or more other entities to secure its letter of credit obligations, then such entities shall also guarantee all of Seller's obligations to the Buyer under this Agreement;
- (C) U.S. Dollars delivered by wire transfer of immediately available funds; or
- (D) Any alternate form of credit support proposed by Seller that the Buyer deems acceptable, in its sole discretion; provided however, the Buyer is under no obligation to accept any alternate form of credit support and may withhold consent to any such alternate form for any reason.

Section 7.4 Forward Contract.

Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it is a "forward contract merchant" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, that this Agreement is a "forward contract" within the meaning of the United States Bankruptcy Code, and that the remedies identified in this Agreement, including but not limited to those specified in Section 7, shall be "contractual rights" as provided for in 11 U.S.C. § 556 as that provision may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 8. NOTICES, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTIES

Section 8.1 Notices

Any notice, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement to be given by one Party to another Party shall be in writing. It shall either be sent by facsimile (with receipt confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt), courier, personally delivered (including overnight delivery service) or mailed, postage prepaid, to the representative of the other Party designated in accordance with this Article. Any such notice, demand, or request shall be deemed to be given (i) when sent by facsimile confirmed by telephone and electronic transmittal receipt, (ii) when actually received if delivered by courier or personal delivery (including overnight delivery service) or (iii) seven (7) days after deposit in the United States mail, if sent by first class mail return receipt requested.

Notices and other communications by Seller to the Buyer shall be addressed to:

Mr. Michael J. Hager
Vice President, Energy Supply – New England
National Grid, Inc.
55 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532
(508) 421-7350 (phone)
(508) 421-7335 (fax)

and

Notices concerning Article 7 shall also be sent to:

General Counsel
National Grid, Inc.
25 Research Drive
Westborough, MA 01582
(508) 389-9000 (phone)
(508) 389-2605 (fax)

Notices and other communications by the Buyer to Seller shall be addressed to:

[Name]
[Company]
[Address]
[City, State & Zip]
[Phone]
[FAX]

Any Party may change its representative or address for notices by written notice to the other Party; however such notice shall not be effective until it is received by the other Party.

Section 8.2 Authority of Representative

The Parties' representatives shall have full authority to act for their respective Party in all matters relating to the performance of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party's representative shall not have the authority to amend, modify, or waive any provision of this Agreement unless they are duly authorized officers of their respective entities and such amendment, modification or waiver is made in accordance with Article 17.

ARTICLE 9. LIABILITY; INDEMNIFICATION; RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

Section 9.1 Limitation on Consequential, Incidental and Indirect Damages

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN SECTION 9.2, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMISSIBLE BY LAW, NEITHER THE BUYER NOR SELLER, NOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, PARENT OR

AFFILIATES, SUCCESSOR OR ASSIGNS, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, OR EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS, OR ASSIGNS, SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ITS PARENT, SUBSIDIARIES, AFFILIATES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, SUCCESSORS OR ASSIGNS, FOR CLAIMS, SUITS, ACTIONS OR CAUSES OF ACTION FOR INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL, PUNITIVE, MULTIPLE OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES OR LITIGATION COSTS EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN [SECTION 15.2](#) AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LIMITATION THEREUNDER) CONNECTED WITH OR RESULTING FROM PERFORMANCE OR NON-PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, OR ANY ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY SUCH DAMAGES WHICH ARE BASED UPON CAUSES OF ACTION FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND MISREPRESENTATION), BREACH OF WARRANTY, STRICT LIABILITY, STATUTE, OPERATION OF LAW, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF RECOVERY. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL APPLY REGARDLESS OF FAULT AND SHALL SURVIVE TERMINATION, CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, COMPLETION OR EXPIRATION OF THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 9.2 Indemnification

(a) Seller agrees to defend, indemnify and save the Buyer, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successors assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of a representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by Seller, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Seller, (c) any act or omission by Seller with respect to this Agreement, first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee, or Affiliate of the Buyer or its respective successors or assigns.

(b) The Buyer agrees to defend, indemnify and save Seller, its officers, directors, employees, agents, successor, assigns, and Affiliates and their officers, directors, employees and agents harmless from and against any and all third-party claims, suits, actions or causes of action and any resulting losses, damages, charges, costs or expenses, (including reasonable attorneys' fees and court costs), arising from or in connection with any (a) breach of representation or warranty or failure to perform any covenant or agreement in this Agreement by said Buyer, (b) any violation of applicable law, regulation or order by Buyer, (c) any act or omission by the Buyer, with respect to this Agreement first arising, occurring or existing during the term of this Agreement, whether incurred by settlement or otherwise, and whether such claims or actions are threatened or filed prior to or after the termination of this Agreement, except to the extent caused by an act of gross negligence or willful misconduct by an officer, director, agent, employee or Affiliate of Seller or its respective successors or assigns.

(c) If any Party intends to seek indemnification under this Section from the other Party with respect to any action or claim, the Party seeking indemnification shall give the other Party notice of such claim or action within thirty (30) days of the later of the commencement of,

or actual knowledge of, such claim or action; provided, however, that in the event such notice is delivered more than thirty (30) days after the Party seeking indemnification knows of such claim or action, the indemnifying Party shall be relieved of its indemnity hereunder only if and to the extent such indemnifying Party was actually prejudiced by such delay. The Party seeking indemnification shall have the right, at its sole cost and expense, to participate in the defense of any such claim or action. The Party seeking indemnification shall not compromise or settle any such claim or action without the prior consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 9.3 Independent Contractor Status

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as creating any relationship between the Buyer and Seller other than that of independent contractors for the sale and delivery of Requirements for Last Resort Service.

ARTICLE 10. ASSIGNMENT

Section 10.1 General Prohibition Against Assignments

Except as provided in Section 10.2, neither Party shall assign, pledge or otherwise transfer this Agreement or any right or obligation under this Agreement without first obtaining the other Party's written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 10.2 Exceptions to Prohibition Against Assignments

(a) Seller may, without the Buyer's prior written consent, collaterally assign this Agreement in connection with financing arrangements provided that any such collateral assignment that provides for the Buyer to direct payments to the collateral agent (i) shall be in writing, (ii) shall not be altered or amended without prior written notice to the Buyer from both Seller and the collateral agent, and (iii) provided that any payment made by the Buyer to the collateral agent shall discharge the Buyer's obligation as fully and to the same extent as if it had been made to the Seller. Seller must provide the Buyer at least ten (10) days advance written notice of collateral assignment and provide copies of any such assignment and relevant agreements or writings.

(b) The Buyer may assign all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Affiliate of the Buyer without consent of Seller. Either Party may, upon written notice, assign its rights and obligations hereunder, or transfer such rights and obligations by operation of law, to any entity with which or into which such Party shall merge or consolidate or to which such Party shall transfer all or substantially all of its assets, provided that such other entity agrees to be bound by the terms hereof and provided further, that such other entity's creditworthiness is comparable to or higher than that of such Party at the time this Agreement was executed and such Party is not relieved of any obligation or liability hereunder as a result of such assignment

ARTICLE 11. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the Parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

ARTICLE 12. FORCE MAJEURE

(a) Force Majeure shall include but not be limited to acts of God, earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, strikes, labor disputes, riots, insurrections, acts of war (whether declared or otherwise), terrorism, acts of terrorism, acts of governmental, regulatory or judicial bodies, but if and only to the extent that such event or circumstance (i) directly affects the availability of the transmission or distribution facilities of the New England Transmission System, the Buyer or an Affiliate of the Buyer necessary to provide service to the Buyer's customers which are taking service pursuant to the Last Resort Service Tariff and (ii) it is not within the reasonable control of, or the result of the negligence of, the claiming Party, and which, by the exercise of due diligence, the claiming Party is unable to overcome or avoid or cause to be avoided. Force Majeure shall not be based on (A) fluctuations in Last Resort Service, (B) the cost to a Party to overcome or avoid, or cause to be avoided, the event or circumstance affecting such Party's performance or (C) events affecting the availability or cost of operating any generating facility.

(b) To the extent that either Party is prevented by Force Majeure from carrying out, in whole or in part, its obligations hereunder and (i) such Party gives notice and detail of the Force Majeure to the other Party as soon as practicable after the onset of the Force Majeure, including an estimate of its expected duration and the probable impact on the performance of its obligations hereunder; (ii) the suspension of performance is of no greater scope and of no longer duration than is required by the Force Majeure, and (iii) the Party claiming Force Majeure uses commercially reasonable efforts to remedy or remove the inability to perform caused by Force Majeure, then the affected Party shall be excused from the performance of its obligations prevented by Force Majeure. However, neither Party shall be required to pay for any obligation the performance of which is excused by Force Majeure. This paragraph shall not require the settlement of any strike, walkout, lockout or other labor dispute on terms which, in the sole judgment of the Party involved in the dispute are contrary to its interest. It is understood and agreed that the settlement of strikes, walkouts, lockouts or other labor disputes shall be entirely within the discretion of the Party involved in the dispute.

(c) No obligations of either Party which arose before the Force Majeure occurrence causing the suspension of performance shall be excused as a result of the event of Force Majeure.

(d) Prior to the resumption of performance suspended as a result of a Force Majeure occurrence, the Party claiming the Force Majeure shall give the other Party written notice of such resumption.

ARTICLE 13. WAIVERS

No delay or omission in the exercise of any right under this Agreement shall impair any such right or shall be taken, construed or considered as a waiver or relinquishment thereof, but any such right may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. The waiver of any single breach or default of any term or condition of this Agreement shall not

be deemed to constitute the waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach or default of the Agreement or any other term or condition.

ARTICLE 14. LAWS AND REGULATIONS

(a) This Agreement and all rights, obligations, and performances of the Parties hereunder, are subject to all applicable federal and state laws, and to all duly promulgated orders and other duly authorized action of governmental authorities having jurisdiction hereof.

(b) The rates, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement are not subject to change under Section 205 of the Federal Power Act as that section may be amended or superseded, absent the mutual written agreement of the Parties. Each Party irrevocably waives its rights, including its rights under §§ 205-206 of the Federal Power Act, unilaterally to seek or support a change in the rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions of this Agreement or any other agreements entered into in connection with this Agreement. By this provision, each Party expressly waives its right to seek or support: (i) an order from the Commission finding that the market-based rate(s), charges, classifications, terms or conditions agreed to by the Parties in the Agreement are unjust and unreasonable; or (ii) any refund with respect thereto. Each Party agrees (x) not to make or support such a filing or request, (y) that these covenants and waivers shall be binding notwithstanding any regulatory or market changes that may occur hereafter and (z) that it shall not challenge or support a challenge to the enforceability of the waiver in this Section (b).

(c) Absent the agreement of all Parties to a proposed change, the standard of review for changes to this Agreement proposed by a non-party or the Commission acting sua sponte shall be the "public interest" standard of review set forth in United Gas Pipe Line Co. v. Mobile Gas Service Corp., 350 U.S. 332 (1956) and Federal Power Commission v. Sierra Pacific Power Co., 350 U.S. 348 (1956) (the "Mobile-Sierra" doctrine).

(d) The Parties agree that, if and to the extent that the Commission adopts a final rule or order which requires that, in order to exclude application of the just and reasonable standard of review and to mandate application of the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine for a proposed change to this Agreement which is not agreed to by all Parties, the Parties must agree to language which varies from that set forth in Article 14(c) then, without further action of either Party, Article 14(c) will be deemed amended to incorporate the specific language required by such final rule or order as is necessary to have the public interest standard of review under the Mobile-Sierra doctrine apply to any proposed change to this Agreement to which all Parties do not agree.

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(e) Nothing in this Article 14 is intended to modify any Party's right to enforce the terms of this Agreement as written.

ARTICLE 15. INTERPRETATION, DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Section 15.1 Governing Law

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed and performed in accordance with and the laws of the State of Rhode Island, without giving effect to its conflict of laws principles.

Section 15.2 Dispute Resolution

All disputes between the Buyer and Seller under this Agreement shall be referred, upon notice by one Party to the other Party, to a senior manager of Seller designated by Seller, and a senior manager of the Buyer designated by the Buyer, for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable. In the event the designated senior managers are unable to resolve the dispute within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, or such other period to which the Parties may jointly agree, such dispute shall be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedure set forth in this Section. The arbitration shall be conducted in Boston, Massachusetts before a single neutral arbitrator mutually agreed to and appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) days of the referral of the dispute to arbitration, Seller and the Buyer shall each choose one arbitrator, who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. The two arbitrators so chosen shall within ten (10) days select a third arbitrator to act as chairman of the arbitration panel. In either case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable and have at least two (2) years experience in electric utility matters, including wholesale power transactions and power market issues, and shall not have any current or past material business or financial relationships with either Party or a witness for either Party and shall not have a direct or indirect interest in any Party or the subject matter of the arbitration. If a panel of arbitrators, all of their decisions shall be by majority vote. The arbitrator(s) shall afford each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall generally conduct the arbitration in accordance with the then-current arbitration rules of the CPR Institute for Dispute Resolution (formerly known as the Center for Public Resources), unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties. There shall be no formal discovery conducted in connection with the arbitration unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties; provided, however, that the Parties shall exchange witness lists and copies of any exhibits that they intend to utilize in their direct presentations at any hearing before the arbitrator(s) at least ten (10) days prior to such hearing, along with any other information or documents specifically requested by the arbitrator(s) prior to the hearing. Any offer made and the details of any negotiations to resolve the dispute shall not be admissible in the arbitration or otherwise. Unless otherwise agreed, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) days of his, her or their appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefore, and shall make an award apportioning the payment of the costs and expenses of arbitration among the Parties; provided, however, that each Party shall bear the costs and expenses of its own attorneys, expert witnesses and consultants unless the arbitrator(s), based upon a determination of good cause, awards attorneys fees and legal and other costs to the prevailing Party. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change the Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction, subject expressly to Section 15.3. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act and/or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. Nothing in this paragraph shall impair the ability of a Party to exercise any right or remedy it has under this Agreement, including those in Article 7. To the fullest extent permitted by law, any arbitration proceeding and the arbitrator's award shall be maintained in confidence by the Parties; provided, however, that either Party, or any of its Affiliates, may provide information regarding the arbitration without limitation to any regulatory agency requesting or requiring such information or to a court in a proceeding to confirm, appeal (as such appeal is limited hereby) or enforce the award; provided, further, that any such provision of information must include a request for confidential treatment.

Section 15.3 Venue; Waiver of Jury Trial

Each Party hereto irrevocably (i) submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal and state courts located in the State of Rhode Island, County of Providence (ii) waives any objection which it may have to the laying of venue of any proceedings brought in any such court; and (iii) waives any claim that such proceedings have been brought in an inconvenient forum. EACH PARTY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 16. SEVERABILITY

Any provision declared or rendered unlawful by any applicable court of law or regulatory agency or deemed unlawful because of a statutory change will not otherwise affect the remaining provisions and lawful obligations that arise under this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any Party or any circumstance, is invalid or unenforceable, (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision, and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability.

ARTICLE 17. MODIFICATIONS

No modification or amendment of this Agreement will be binding on any Party unless it is in writing and signed by both Parties.

ARTICLE 18. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Master Power Agreement, including the Appendices, any Confirmations relating to specific Transactions, the tariffs and agreements referred to herein or therein, embody the entire agreement and understanding of the Parties in respect of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein or therein. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that there are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings contained in any material provided or otherwise made available by the Seller or the Buyer to each other. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the Parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and specifically excludes written agreements executed by the Parties prior to the Effective Date.

ARTICLE 19. COUNTERPARTS

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each executed counterpart shall have the same force and effect as an original instrument.

ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION; CONSTRUCTION

The article and section headings contained in this Agreement are solely for the purpose of reference, are not part of the agreement of the Parties and shall not in any way affect the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "including" shall mean "including, without limitation". The Parties acknowledge that, each Party and its counsel have reviewed and or revised this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement, and it is the result of joint discussion and negotiation.

ARTICLE 21. REPRESENTATIONS; WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Each Party represents to the other Parties, upon execution and continuing throughout the term of this Agreement, as follows:

(a) It is duly organized in the form of business entity set forth in the first paragraph of this Agreement, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its state of its organization and has all requisite power and authority to carry on its business as is now being conducted, including all regulatory authorizations as necessary for it to legally perform its obligations hereunder.

(b) It has full power and authority to execute and deliver this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to Transactions and to consummate and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Master Power Agreement has been, and any Confirmation will be, duly and validly executed and delivered by it, and, assuming that this Master Power Agreement, together with any and all Confirmations, constitutes a valid and binding agreement of the other Parties, constitute together its valid and binding agreement, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent transfer, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws of general applicability relating to or affecting creditors' rights and to general equity principles.

(c) Such execution, delivery and performance do not violate or conflict with any law applicable to it, any provision of its constitutional documents, or the terms of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, deed of trust, license, franchise, permit, concession, contract, lease or other instrument to which it is bound, any order or judgment of any court or other agency of government applicable to it or any of its assets or any contractual restriction binding on or affecting it or any of its assets.

(d) No declaration, filing with, notice to, or authorization, permit, consent or approval of any governmental authority is required for the execution and delivery of this Master Power Agreement or any and all Confirmations related to a Transaction by it or the performance by it of its obligations hereunder and thereunder, other than such declarations, filings, registrations, notices, authorizations, permits, consents or approvals which, if not obtained or made, will not, in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) Neither the execution and delivery of this Master Power Agreement or any and all Confirmations by it will nor the performance by it of its obligations under this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to Transactions, will or does (i) conflict with or

result in any breach of any provision of its Governing Documents, (ii) result in a default (or give rise to any right of termination, cancellation or acceleration) under any of the terms, conditions or provisions of any note, bond, mortgage, indenture, license, agreement or other instrument or obligation to which it or any of its subsidiaries is a party or by which it or any of its subsidiaries is bound, except for such defaults (or rights of termination, cancellation or acceleration) as to which requisite waivers or consents have been obtained or which, in the aggregate, would not have a Material Adverse Effect; or (iii) violate any order, writ, injunction, decree, statute, rule or regulation applicable to it, which violation would have a Material Adverse Effect.

(f) There are no claims, actions, proceedings or investigations pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or relating to it before any governmental authority acting in an adjudicative capacity relating to the transactions contemplated hereby that could have a Material Adverse Effect. It is not subject to any outstanding judgment, rule, order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or governmental authority which, individually or in the aggregate, would create a Material Adverse Effect.

(g) There are no bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership or other similar proceedings pending or being contemplated by it, or of its knowledge threatened against it.

(h) With respect to Seller, (i) it and the ISO have fully executed a Market Participant Service Agreement (“Seller’s MPSA”), and it has been approved by the Commission in accordance with Subsection 7.1 of the MPSA with the ISO and (ii) the ISO has not filed with the Commission a notice of termination of Seller’s MPSA.

(i) It is acting for its own account, has made its own independent decision to enter into this Master Power Agreement and any and all Confirmations related to a Transaction and as to whether this Master Power Agreement and such confirmation is appropriate or proper for it based upon its own judgment, is not relying upon the advice or recommendations of the other Party hereto, and is capable of assessing the merits of and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, conditions and risks of this Master Power Agreement and any such Confirmation or Transaction.

ARTICLE 22. CONSENTS AND APPROVALS

The Parties shall cooperate so that each Party may take such actions as necessary and required for the other Party to effectuate and comply with this Agreement including to (i) promptly prepare and file all necessary documentation, (ii) effect all necessary applications, notices, petitions and filings and execute all agreements and documents, and (iii) use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all necessary consents, approvals and authorizations of all other entities, in the case of each of the foregoing clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), necessary or advisable to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The Buyer shall have the right to review and approve in advance all characterizations of the information relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement which appear in any filing, press release or public announcement made in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

ARTICLE 23. CONFIDENTIALITY

Neither Seller nor the Buyer shall provide copies of or disclose the contents or terms of [BIDDERS: Insert sections] of the Master Power Agreement, (the “Confidential Terms”) to any

Deleted: and Buyer shall not disclose the identity of Seller

third party without the prior written consent of the other Party; provided, however, that either Party may provide a copy of the Confidential Terms, in whole or in part to (1) any regulatory agency, or governmental authority with jurisdictional interest, requesting and/or requiring such Confidential Terms, or in order to comply with any applicable law, regulation, or any exchange, control area or independent system operator rule or in connection with any court or regulatory proceeding, provided that in the case of a disclosure pursuant to the foregoing, such disclosure must include a request for confidential treatment of the Confidential Terms, and (2) an Affiliate if related to the Party's performance of its obligations hereunder, provided that such Affiliate agrees to treat the Confidential Terms as confidential in accordance with this clause.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Master Power Agreement on their behalf as of the date first above written.

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY

Name (print): _____
Title: _____

[COMPANY]

Name (print): _____
Title: _____

APPENDIX A
ESTIMATION OF SELLER HOURLY LOADS

Overview

Generating units operated by suppliers are dispatched by the power pool to meet the region's electrical requirements reliably, and at the lowest possible cost. As a result, a supplier's electricity production may not match the demand of its customers. In each hour some suppliers with low cost production units or that contract for the output of such units are net sellers of electricity to the pool, while other suppliers are purchasing power from the pool to meet the demand of their customers. To determine the extent to which suppliers are net buyers or sellers on an hourly basis, it is necessary to estimate the hourly aggregate demand for all of the customers served by each supplier. The Buyer will estimate Seller's Last Resort Service load obligations within the Buyer's service territory and report the hourly results to the ISO on a daily basis.

The estimation process is a cost-effective approach to producing results that are reliable, unbiased and reasonably accurate. The hourly load estimates will be based on rate class load profiles, which will be developed from statistically designed samples. Each day, the class load shapes will be scaled to the population of customers served by each supplier. In cases where telemetered data on individual customers is available, it will be used in place of the estimated shapes. On a monthly basis, the estimates will be refined by incorporating actual usage data obtained from meter readings. In both processes, the sum of all suppliers' estimated loads will match the total load delivered into the distribution system. A description of the estimation process follows.

Daily Estimation of Suppliers' Own Load

The daily process estimates the hourly load for each supplier for the previous day. The following is an outline of this process:

- Select a proxy date from the previous year with characteristics which best match the day for which the hourly demand estimates are being produced. Extract class load shapes for the selected proxy date from the load research database.
- Scale the class load shapes appropriately for each individual customer based on the usage level of the customer relative to the class average usage level.
- Calculate a factor for each customer which reflects their relative usage level and includes an adjustment for losses ("load adjustment factor"). Aggregate the load adjustment factors across the customers served by each supplier in each class.
- Produce a preliminary estimate of each supplier's hourly loads by combining the proxy day class load shapes with the supplier's total load adjustment factors. Aggregate the loads across the classes for each supplier.

- Adjust the preliminary hourly supplier estimates so that their sum is equal to the Buyer's actual hourly metered loads (as metered at the point of delivery to the distribution system) by allocating any differences to suppliers in proportion to their estimated load.
- Adjust the hourly supplier estimates to include transmission losses within the Buyer's transmission system.
- Submit the hourly loads to the ISO.

After the Buyer has submitted the supplier hourly loads, the ISO will allocate PTF losses to the supplier's account during the settlement process.

Monthly Reconciliation Process

The monthly process will improve the estimates of supplier loads by incorporating the most recent customer usage information, which will be available after the monthly meter readings are processed. The actual customer meter readings, as well as actual interval data for the largest customers, are used to re-estimate all of the days in the calendar month being reconciled. Updates to customers' account status and supplier assignments that may have been missed during the daily processing (due to timing) are included. The resulting hourly supplier load estimates for all the days in the month are reported and used by the ISO as the basis for the monthly resettlement.

**APPENDIX B
MASTER POWER AGREEMENT
FORM OF CONFIRMATION**

This Confirmation shall confirm the Transaction agreed to on, and effective as of _____ between **THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY**, a Rhode Island corporation (“Buyer”) and **[Company]**, a **[what]** (“Seller”) regarding the sale/purchase of Last Resort Service specified herein under the terms and conditions under the Master Power Agreement, dated [] (the “Master Power Agreement”) between Buyer and Seller, as specified and modified herein. Terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Master Power Agreement.

1. Last Resort Service Requirements Matrix

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Responsibility	Commencement Date	Conclusion Date
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

2. Contract Rate - \$/MWh

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Month1	Month2	Month3	Month4	Month5	Month6
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

3. Load Asset Designation within the ISO Settlement Market System

Award Block	Customer Group	Load Zone	Load Asset Number	Load Asset Name
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

4. RPS Requirement

[To be determined for each Transaction]

5. Amount Payable

[To be determined for each Transaction]

6. Modifications to the Master Power Agreement

[To be determined for each Transaction]

7. Security

[To be determined for each Transaction]

8. Confidentiality

Articles 1, 2, 3 [additional articles to be determined for each Transaction] of this Confirmation are Confidential Terms within the meaning of Article 23 of the Master Power Agreement.

9. Ratification of the Terms and Conditions of the Agreement

(a) Except as expressly amended or waived by this Confirmation, the terms, conditions, covenants, agreements, warranties and representations contained in the Master Power Agreement are in all respects ratified, confirmed and remade as of the date hereof and, except as amended or waived hereby, shall continue in full force and effect.

(b) Nothing in this Confirmation shall, or shall be construed to, alter or amend any other Confirmation.

10. Counterparts

This Confirmation may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

This Confirmation constitutes part of and is subject to the terms and provisions of such Master Power Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused their duly authorized representatives to execute this Confirmation on their behalf as of the date first above written

THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

[COMPANY]

Name (print): _____

Title: _____

**APPENDIX C
FORM OF GUARANTY**

Guaranty

This Guaranty (this "Guaranty"), dated effective as of [___], 2006 (the "Effective Date"), is made and entered into by [_____] a [_____] corporation ("Guarantor").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, The Narragansett Electric Company ("the Buyer") and [_____] ("Seller"), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of [_____] and a [_____] of Guarantor, have entered into that certain Confirmation, dated _____ (the "Confirmation"), under the Master Power Agreement, dated [_____] (collectively with the Confirmation, as the foregoing and the terms therein and the obligations and liabilities thereunder may from time to time and without notice to or consent of the Guarantor, and without impairing or releasing the obligations of the Guarantor, be amended, modified, revised, supplemented or waived by Buyer and Seller, the "Agreement") and

WHEREAS, Guarantor will directly or indirectly benefit from the Agreement between Seller and the Buyer;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the Buyer entering into the Agreement, Guarantor hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

- 1) **GUARANTY**. Subject to the provisions hereof, Guarantor hereby irrevocably and unconditionally guarantees the full and faithful timely performance and payment when due of the obligations of Seller that are now due or may hereafter become due and payable to the Buyer under the Agreement (the "Obligations"). This Guaranty shall constitute a guarantee of performance and payment and not of collection. The liability of Guarantor under this Guaranty shall be specifically limited to performance and payments expressly required to be made under the Agreement (even if such payments are or are deemed to be damages) as well as costs of collection and enforcement of this Guaranty (including attorney's fees) to the extent reasonably and actually incurred by the Buyer (all of which such costs of collection and enforcement shall be subject to the limitation set forth in Section 1(a) above) but in no event shall Guarantor be subject hereunder to consequential, exemplary, equitable, loss of profits, punitive or tort damages, or, except to the extent specifically provided in the Agreement, any other damages.
- 2) **DEMANDS AND NOTICE**. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default or termination, as may be defined in the Agreement, if Seller fails or refuses to perform or pay any Obligations and the Buyer elects to exercise its rights under this Guaranty, the Buyer shall make a demand upon Guarantor (hereinafter referred to as a "Demand"). A Demand shall be in writing and shall reasonably and briefly specify in what manner and what amount Seller has failed to perform or pay and an explanation of why such performance or payment is due, with a specific statement that the Buyer is calling upon Guarantor to perform and/or pay under this Guaranty. A Demand satisfying the foregoing requirements shall be required with respect to Obligations before Guarantor is required to perform or pay (free of any deductions or withholdings) such Obligations hereunder and shall be deemed

sufficient notice to Guarantor that it must perform the Obligations within two (2) Business Days, or pay the Obligations within five (5) Business Days, after its receipt of the Demand. A single written Demand shall be effective as to any specific default during the continuance of such default, until Seller or Guarantor has cured such default, and additional written demands concerning such default shall not be required until such default is cured. As used herein, the term "Business Day" shall mean a day on which commercial banks or financial institutions are open for business in the State of Rhode Island.

3) REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES. Guarantor represents and warrants that:

(a) it is a corporation duly organized and validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of [] and has the corporate power and authority to execute, deliver and carry out the terms and provisions of the Guaranty;

(b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Guaranty and each transaction contemplated by this Guaranty, do not and will not (with or without the lapse of time, the giving of notice or both, contravene, conflict with or result in a breach of or default under any provision of its constitution or any writ, order, judgment, law, rule or regulation to which it is a party or is subject or by which it is bound; and

(c) no authorization, approval, consent or order of, or registration or filing with, any court or other governmental body having jurisdiction over Guarantor is required on the part of Guarantor for the execution and delivery of this Guaranty; and

(d) this Guaranty, when executed and delivered, will constitute a valid and legally binding agreement of Guarantor, except as the enforceability of this Guaranty may be limited by the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity.

4) SETOFFS AND COUNTERCLAIMS. Without limiting Guarantor's own defenses and rights hereunder, Guarantor reserves to itself all rights, setoffs, counterclaims and other defenses to which Seller or any other affiliate of Guarantor is or may be entitled to arising from or out of the Agreement or otherwise, except for defenses arising out of the bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution or liquidation of Seller, the lack of power or authority of Seller to enter into, amend and/or perform the Agreement, or waiver or consent with respect to any provision thereof, or a claim as to the Agreement's validity regularity or enforceability, or any similar circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor generally.

5) AMENDMENT OF GUARANTY. No term or provision of this Guaranty shall be amended, modified, altered, waived or supplemented except in a writing signed by Guarantor and the Buyer.

6) WAIVER; TERMINATION. Except as required in Section 2 above, Guarantor hereby waives (a) notice of acceptance of this Guaranty; (b) presentment, demand and notice of dishonor concerning the liabilities of Guarantor; and (c) any right to require that any action or proceeding be brought against Seller or any other person, or to require that the Buyer exhaust its remedies against Seller or seek enforcement of any performance against Seller or any other person, or against any collateral pledged by

Seller or any other person liable for payment or performance of the Obligations, prior to any action against Guarantor under the terms hereof. Buyer shall not be obligated to file any claim relating to the Obligations in the event that Seller becomes subject to a bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding, and the failure of the Buyer to so file shall not affect the Guarantor's obligations hereunder.

Except as to applicable statutes of limitation, no delay of the Buyer in the exercise of, or failure to exercise, any rights hereunder shall operate as a waiver of such rights, a waiver of any other rights or a release of Guarantor from any obligations hereunder.

Guarantor consents to the renewal, compromise, extension, acceleration or other changes including in the time of payment of and other changes in the terms of the Obligations, or any part thereof and amendments thereto, or any changes and modifications to the terms of the Agreement or waivers there under.

Guarantor shall not be discharged or released from its obligations hereunder by any proceeding, voluntary or involuntary, involving the bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership, reorganization, liquidation or arrangement of Seller or by any defense which Seller may have by reason of the order, decree or decision of any court or administrative body resulting from any such proceeding. Guarantor agrees that this Guaranty shall continue to be effective or shall be reinstated, as the case may be, if all or any part of any payment made hereunder is at any time avoided or rescinded or must otherwise be restored or repaid by the Buyer as a result of the bankruptcy of Seller, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.

This Guaranty and the Guarantor's obligations hereunder shall remain in effect for the term of the Agreement.

NOTICE. Any Demand, notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder by any party to another (herein collectively called "Notice") shall be in writing and delivered personally or mailed by certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by telegram or facsimile, as follows:

To the Buyer:

Vice President-Energy Supply New
England
National Grid Inc.
55 Bearfoot Road
Northborough, MA 01532

Fax No.: (508) 421-7335
Phone No.: (518) 421-7350

To Guarantor:

Fax No.:
Phone No.:

Notice given by personal delivery or mail shall be effective upon actual receipt. Notice given by telegram shall be effective upon actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours. Notice given by facsimile shall be effective upon (i) actual receipt if received during the recipient's normal business hours, or at the beginning of the recipient's next business day after receipt if not received during the recipient's normal business hours and (ii) confirmation of receipt by telephone. All Notices by telegram or facsimile shall be confirmed promptly after transmission in writing by certified mail or personal

delivery. Any party may change any address to which Notice is to be given to it by giving notice in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

MISCELLANEOUS. This Guaranty shall in all respects be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of Rhode Island, without regard to principles of conflicts of laws.

This Guaranty shall be binding upon Guarantor and its successors and permitted assigns and inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Buyer and its successors and permitted assigns. The Guarantor may not assign this Guaranty in part or in whole without the prior written consent of the Buyer. The Buyer may not assign its rights or benefits under this Guaranty in part or in whole except (i) with the prior written consent of the Guarantor, or (ii) pursuant to a permitted assignment of Agreement (“Assigned Agreement”), in which case the assignee will succeed to the rights of the Buyer hereunder arising after the date of such assignment. The Guarantor’s liability hereunder with respect to any and all such Assigned Agreement, together with any other liability of the Guarantor hereunder, will in all cases be subject to the Guarantor’s maximum aggregate liability set forth in Section 1(a) herein. Neither the Guarantor nor the Buyer will unreasonably withhold or delay consent to assignment.

This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding between Guarantor and the Buyer and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof. The headings in this Guaranty are for purposes of reference only, and shall not affect the meaning hereof.

Time is of the essence of this Guaranty. The remedies provided to the Buyer in this Guaranty are cumulative and not exclusive of any other remedies provided by law.

Words importing the singular number hereunder shall include the plural number and vice versa and any pronouns used herein shall be deemed to cover all genders. The term "person" as used herein means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated association, or government (or any agency or political subdivision thereof).

Wherever possible, any provision in this Guaranty which is prohibited or unenforceable in any jurisdiction shall, as to such jurisdiction, be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, and any such prohibition or unenforceability in any one jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has executed this Guaranty on _____,
2005, but it is effective as of the Effective Date.**

[GUARANTOR]

Name (print): _____
Title: _____

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify on June 1, 2006, that a copy of the cover letter and / or any materials accompanying this certificate has been mailed or hand-delivered to the parties listed below.



Joanne M. Scanlon
National Grid

Narragansett Electric Co. – Last Resort Acquisition Plan – Dkt. 3605
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