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REDACTED MATERIALS ATTACHED

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Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid, D.P.U. 22-95

Dear Mr. Marini:

New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid (“NEP”) files herewith its petition, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 72 (the “Petition”), seeking approval from the Department of Public Utilities (the “Department”) to separate a 1.85-mile segment of its existing N12 and M13 115 kilovolt (“kV”) overhead transmission lines, currently installed on double circuit steel lattice towers, onto two distinct sets of structures (the “Project”). The Project will be located within an existing electric transmission line right-of-way (“ROW”) that extends from NEP’s Pottersville Switching Station in Somerset, Massachusetts, crosses the Taunton River into Fall River, and continues easterly within the ROW to Sykes Road Substation in Fall River.¹ The Project involves the removal of the existing double circuit towers and the construction of two sets of single circuit steel monopoles and conductors to carry the separated N12 and M13 Lines. The Project also includes some minor modifications at the Sykes Road Substation to interconnect the N12 and M13 Lines into the station. The Company’s Petition demonstrates that, consistent with G.L. c. 164, § 72, the Project is needed, will serve the public convenience, and is consistent with the public interest.

In addition to the Section 72 Petition, NEP provides the following herewith:

- Attachment A, a document entitled *N12/M13 Double Circuit Tower Separation Project: Application to Support the Petition Before the Department of Public Utilities* (the “Application”);
- Attachment B, which is a completed Section 72 Checklist;
- Draft Notice of Public Hearing (hard copy and electronic version in MS Word

¹ With certain limited exceptions, the Project will be constructed entirely within NEP’s existing ROW.

format) (Attachment C);

- Draft MEPA Section 61 Findings (Attachment D);
- Notices of Appearance; and
- Filing fee of \$100.

The Company notes that certain information contained in Appendices 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3 to the Application have been redacted to protect Critical Energy Infrastructure Information (“CEII”). A Motion for Protective Treatment of the redacted information is also included with this filing. Under separate cover, the Company is submitting five **CONFIDENTIAL** (non-redacted) copies of the Appendices containing CEII under seal to the Department.

In accordance with statutory requirements, NEP has forwarded a copy of the Petition and related documents to the municipal clerks of Somerset and Fall River.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



David S. Rosenzweig

Enclosures

cc: Jonathan Goldberg, Chief Legal Officer, Department of Public Utilities
Andrew Greene, Executive Director, Energy Facilities Siting Board
Joan Foster Evans, General Counsel, Energy Facilities Siting Board