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Thomas S. Burack, Chairman  
NH Site Evaluation Committee  
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**Re: Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for  
a Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction of a New 230kV Tap Line  
in Littleton NH**

**NHSEC No. 2014-02**

Dear Chairman Burack:

As you know, my law firm, Brennan, Caron, Lenehan & Iacopino, and I have acted as outside counsel to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee ("Committee") over the course of the past 15 years. Our firm has represented the Committee in numerous matters including Applications for Certificates of Site and Facility for wind power facilities, gas powered facilities, transmission lines and pipelines. At present, I represent the Committee in its enforcement proceedings regarding the Groton Wind facility. In addition, I have provided various services to the Committee that have not been associated with any particular Application but have assisted the Committee in responding to public concerns. Finally, I have also represented the Committee when dealing with the miscellaneous energy facility siting issues that arise, including requests for exemptions from certification, requests for modifications of outstanding Certificates and requests for jurisdictional advice. I have also been involved in the efforts of the Committee to promulgate administrative regulations in the past.

It is my understanding that the Committee has received the Application of Application of New England Power Company d/b/a National Grid for a Certificate of Site and Facility for Construction of a New 230kV Tap Line in Littleton NH involving the proposed siting and construction of a new transmission tap line in Littleton, New Hampshire. The purpose of this letter is to advise you that our office is available, ready, willing and able to represent the Committee with respect to the application if, in fact, the Committee deems it necessary and

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appropriate to hire outside counsel for this purpose. I can confirm that my office has no conflicts of interest in representing the Committee in this matter.

As is often the case, I have been previously contacted by counsel for the Applicant about pre-permitting issues. Therefore, I have a pre-existing grasp and knowledge of issues that may arise during the pendency of the docket.

Generally, the Applicant or party seeking the Committee's action has been responsible for the payment of attorney's fees. *See*, RSA 162-H: 10, V. In the past, our bills have been presented to the Chairman of the Committee or Chairperson of the Subcommittee for approval and then forwarded to the Applicant for payment. To the best of my knowledge, that system has worked well and I do not believe there has ever been an issued raised by any Applicant regarding the amount of fees charged by my firm.

In representing the Committee in this matter, I would propose attorney's fees at the hourly rate of \$200.00 per hour and reimbursement for out of pocket costs and expenses incurred by counsel. To the extent that I employ the use of an associate in my office, the hourly rate for such an associate will be no more than \$200.00 per hour. In no case will my office charge more than \$200.00 per hour and our time will never be billed twice for two lawyers working on the matter at the same time, including attendance at meetings or hearings.

Should you require any further information about my firm, me or our qualifications, I would be happy to provide that in whatever format you require. Again, I thank you for the opportunity to represent the Committee and ask that you approve our representation under the terms and conditions set forth above.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Iacopino

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cc: Patrick Queenan, Esq.  
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