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Mr. Steve Scialabba
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Subject: Docket 4237 Contact Voltage Program

Dear Steve:

I have reviewed the National Grid ("Company") Designated Contact Voltage Program Report dated December 17, 2012, including the results of the Request for Proposal ("RFP") for electric contact voltage mobile testing. Following are my observations and comments regarding this report.

The Company re-issued its RFP for mobile testing in a manner consistent with the Commission's Order dated November 19, 2012. The RFP process proceeded with a pilot program over a 12 mile long area in order to assist in the Vendor selection process. Two vendors, Power Survey Company and Premier Solutions, were requested to participate, and only one vendor elected to be involved in the pilot program. Premier Solutions participated successfully in the pilot, while Power Survey Company declined to participate. The Company has described the results from the pilot and indicated that Premier Solutions successfully demonstrated its ability to perform in a manner consistent with the program requirements. Both vendors submitted bids on December 14, 2012.

Proposals were received from the two vendors on an Option A and an Option B, in accordance with the Commission's Order. The Company proposes to award a contract to Premier Solutions based on three criteria: (1) its satisfactory demonstration of performance during the pilot;(2) its lower prices bid for performing the contract; and(3) the fact that Power Survey Company declined to participate in the pilot. Additionally, based on pricing, the Company recommends proceeding with bid Option A, which includes 100 percent evaluation in the first year and thereafter 20 percent per year analysis. This recommendation is based on the fact that price for performing 100 percent in the first year was only marginally higher than the cost to perform only 40 percent in year one.

We fully support the Company's report and RFP award recommendations for Option A to be awarded to Premier Solutions. We find this Option meets the requirements of the Commission's Order, and affords the most prudent option for a timely analysis of any potential electric contact voltage hazards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory L. Booth', is written over a faint, illegible background.

Gregory L. Booth, PE
President

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