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**Re: Events Surrounding January 14 and 15, 2004**

Dear Mr. van Welie:

I am conducting an investigation into the recent events surrounding the ISO New England requests for voluntary conservation of electricity on January 14 and 15, 2004. In this regard, I hereby request that you provide to me the following information as it relates to ISO New England as soon as possible, but in no event later than January 28, 2004. For the purposes of these data requests, the "Relevant Period" means the period January 14, 2004 to January 20, 2004.

Where requested, hourly and daily data should be provided in excel format.

1. Provide the amounts of generating capacity declared physically unavailable identified by hour during the Relevant Period for:
  - (a) the ISO-NE control area.
  - (b) Connecticut.
  - (c) Southwest Connecticut.
  - (d) Norwalk-Stamford.

Provide any communications received or prepared by ISO-NE regarding the reasons for such physical unavailability.

2. Provide the amounts of generating capacity which were physically available and, separately, the generating capacity normally scheduled for maintenance during the Relevant Period for each area identified in response to (1)(a)-(d). For generating capacity subject to scheduled maintenance during the Relevant Period, identify each such generator, by name and location, and the capacity affected.

3. Describe any energy bids in real-time or day-ahead from generators, identifying the affected generator, during the Relevant Period in real-time or day-head markets which were anomalous based on a comparison with prior bidding history and estimates of operating costs, so that, even if the affected generating capacity was not as a technical matter physically unavailable, the position of such generator in the bid stack was altered materially from past experience.
4. Provide any inquiries made by ISO-NE's market monitoring unit to generators and responses thereto with respect to activities occurring during the Relevant Period.
5. Provide the real-time electric loads by hour during the Relevant Period for each of the areas identified in (1)(a)-(d).
6. Provide the real-time and day-head prices by hour for energy during the Relevant Period for the Connecticut zone and for representative pricing nodes in Norwalk-Stamford, and Southwest Connecticut, and rest of Connecticut, respectively.
7. Describe the utilization of daily reliability must-run (RMR), operating reserves, forward reserves, ancillary services and other electric products, respectively, by hour during the Relevant Period in the ISO-NE control area and, if applicable, as utilized in Connecticut and/or charged to Connecticut loads.
8. Identify the physical utilization for transfers of energy of the 1385 line and the Cross Sound Cable by hour during the Relevant Period.
9. For each generator declared in whole or in part physically unavailable during some period during the Relevant Period, provide:
  - (a) the generator's name and location.
  - (b) The amount of capacity affected by hour.
  - (c) The reported heat rate(s) and fuel(s) utilized by the generator.
  - (d) Environmental permit restrictions on operations on fuels, if any.
  - (e) Any explanations provided by the generator for the declaration of physical unavailability.
10. For each generator identified in response to question 9, identify whether such generator owns, controls, or is affiliated with other generation in New England, the location of such generation, the generation capacity, heat rate(s) and fuels utilized, and whether such generation was also declared unavailable.

11. Provide and identify pricing series for the Relevant Period by day for: (a) spot prices during the Relevant Period for natural gas for Henry Hub and for delivery at representative locations in New England to electric generators; and (b) spot prices for deliveries of environmental permit compliant fuel oil (no. 2 fuel oil) in New England to electric generators.
12. Provide all correspondence and/or communications by ISO-NE with the public, generators, transmission companies and/or regulators relating to or concerning reductions in electric generation capacity availability during the Relevant Period.
13. Provide all correspondence and/or communications between ISO-NE and generators, transmission companies and/or regulators relating to or concerning reductions in electric generation capacity or availability during the Relevant Period.
14. Identify any provisions of ISO-NE's market rules or procedures or the revised NEPOOL agreement which are relevant to an assessment of the generators' actions in declaring capacity unavailable during the Relevant Period.
15. What is the maximum daily and hourly send-out capability of your system (including both sales and transportation volumes)? Please identify each of the gas supply sources by volume which would be utilized to meet this level of send-out (e.g., by type of service (firm, interruptible, transportation), pipeline (by pipeline) and whether from storage or otherwise, LNG, propane, etc.)?
16. How much firm and/or interruptible transportation rights (by type of service, by period during the year, by volume, and by pipeline) does your system have on each of the interstate pipeline systems in Connecticut to the city gate?
17. During the Relevant Period did your system exercise rights to firm transportation on any of the interstate pipelines which resulted in displacement of other gas shippers in Connecticut?

I thank you in advance for your speedy response.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL