

with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

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Further information with reference to this meeting can be obtained from Ms. Kathy Plowitz-Worden, Office of Guidelines & Panel Operations, National Endowment for the Arts, Washington, DC 20506, or call 202/682-5691.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

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National Endowment for the Arts

Combined Arts Advisory Panel; Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), as amended, notice is hereby given that two meetings of the Combined Arts Advisory Panel, Folk & Traditional Arts section (Heritage & Preservation, Education and Access categories, to the National Council on the Arts will be held from November 2-3 and November 8-10, 1999 in Room 716 at the Nancy Hanks Center, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20506. The Panels will meet from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on November 2nd and November 8th, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 3rd and November 10th, and from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 9th. A portion of one meeting, from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on November 9th, will be open to the public for policy discussion.

The remaining portions of this meeting, from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on November 2nd and 8th, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on November 3rd and 10th, and from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on November 9th, are for the purpose of Panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation on applications for financial assistance under the National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities Act of 1965, as amended, including information given in confidence to the agency by grant applicants. In accordance with the determination of the Chairman of May

12, 1999, these sessions will be closed to the public pursuant to (c)(4)(6) and (9)(B) of section 552b of title 5, United States Code.

Any person may observe meetings, or portions thereof, of advisory panels which are open to the public, and, if time allows, may be permitted to participate in the panel's discussions at the discretion of the panel chairman and with the approval of the full-time Federal employee in attendance.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

[Release No. 35-27085]

Filings Under the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as Amended ("Act")

October 8, 1999.

Notice is hereby given that the following filing(s) has/have been made with the Commission pursuant to provisions of the Act and rules promulgated under the Act. All interested persons are referred to the application(s) and/or declaration(s) for complete statements of the proposed transaction(s) summarized below. The application(s) and/or declaration(s) and any amendments is/are available for public inspection through the Commission's Branch of Public Reference.

Interested persons wishing to comment or request a hearing on the application(s) and/or declaration(s) should submit their views in writing by November 12, 1999, to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, Washington, DC 20549-0609, and serve a copy on the relevant applicant(s) and/or declarant(s) at the address(es) specified below. Proof of service (by affidavit or, in case of an attorney at

law, by certificate) should be filed with the request. Any request for hearing should identify specifically the issues of facts or law that are disputed. A person who so requests will be notified of any hearing, if ordered, and will receive a copy of any notice or order issued in the matter. After November 12, 1999, the application(s) and/or declaration(s), as filed or as amended, may be granted and/or permitted to become effective.

The National Grid Group plc, et al. (70-9473)

The National Grid Group plc ("National Grid"), a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales, National Grid (US) Holdings Limited, National Grid (US) Investments, National Grid (Ireland) 1 Limited, National Grid (Ireland) 2 Limited, National Grid General Partnership, and NGG Holdings, Inc. (except for National Grid, "Intermediate Companies"),¹ each located at National Grid House, Kirby Corner Road, Coventry CV4 8JY, United Kingdom, and New England Electric System ("NEES"),² a registered holding company, located at 25 Westborough Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts 01582, (collectively, "Applicants") have filed a joint application-declaration under sections 2(a)(7), 2(a)(8), 9(a), 10, 13(b), 32 and 33 of the Act and rules 45, 52, 53, 54, under the Act.

Summary of Proposal

As described in more detail below, National Grid proposes: (a) To acquire, by means of the merger described below, ("Merger"), all of the issued and outstanding common stock of NEES ("NEES Common Stock") and, as a result of the acquisition of NEES Common Stock, indirectly acquire (i) all of NEES' interest in its electric utility subsidiary companies and (ii) all of the issued and outstanding common stock of NEES' nonutility subsidiaries; (b) to retain NEES as a subsidiary public utility holding company registered under section 5 of the Act; (c) to engage in acquisition-related financing transactions; (d) to retain National

¹ The Intermediate Companies either have been or will be formed prior to the consummation of the Merger. The Intermediate Companies will require the approval of their respective boards of directors to engage in the activities contemplated by this filing.

² On February 1, 1999, NEES announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire all of the outstanding common stock of Eastern Utilities Associates ("EUA"), a registered holding company under the Act. Consummation of the merger between NEES and EUA is not conditional on, and is proceeding independently from, the closing of the Merger. NEES and EUA have an application pending (File No. 9537) for NEES to acquire all of the outstanding voting securities of EUA.