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RE: Massachusetts 83D Clean Energy Generation RFP / Response of Northeast Renewable Power Partners and Grid America – BID A

To the Soliciting Parties:

Brookfield Power U.S. Holding America Co. (“Brookfield Renewable US”) and Avangrid Renewables, LLC (“Avangrid”) (Brookfield Renewable U.S. and Avangrid are jointly referred to as the “Northeast Renewable Power Partners” or the “Bidders”), together with GridAmerica Holdings Inc. (“GridAmerica”) are pleased to submit this proposal (“Proposal”) to supply Clean Energy Generation and Environmental Attributes and RECs from [REDACTED] of new Class I RPS eligible wind and solar facilities in New York state (the “Class I Facilities”) and [REDACTED] of Incremental Hydroelectric Generation in New York state (the “Firming Hydro Facilities”) delivered over a new transmission project from New York to Massachusetts (the “Northeast Renewable Link”) (the Class I Facilities, the Firming Hydro Facilities and the Northeast Renewable Link jointly referred to as the “Project”) in response to the Request for Proposals for Long-Term Contracts for Clean Energy Generation Projects issued on March 31, 2017 by Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company (“Unitil”), Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company (“National Grid”), and NSTAR Electric Company and Western Massachusetts Electric Company (“Eversource”) (Unitil, National Grid and Eversource

jointly referred to as the “Distribution Companies”) (the “RFP”). The proposed commencement of this clean energy supply is [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

The proposed Project will assist Massachusetts in cost effectively meeting their clean energy goals by providing [REDACTED] of new Class I renewables and [REDACTED] of incremental, firming hydroelectric generation focused in the on-peak winter peak periods. The Project bundles energy from five new wind farms, three new solar farms and a portfolio of incremental hydroelectric generation, to provide a diverse and reliable supply of clean energy, transported over a new, 23-mile, dedicated and controllable high voltage AC transmission line built within an existing transmission corridor and delivered to the New England transmission grid in western Massachusetts.

The Project is the product of the close co-operation of three world class energy companies. The new Class I Facilities are under development by Avangrid. Brookfield Renewable US is the owner and operator of the Firming Hydro Facilities. GridAmerica will develop, construct, own and operate the new, dedicated and controllable high voltage AC transmission line that will deliver the combined product from New York to the New England transmission grid in western Massachusetts.

We are confident that our Project will help Massachusetts meet both the defined objectives of the RFP as well as many of the broader environmental and infrastructure challenges the region faces. The Project will provide significant and lasting benefits including:

- ✓ Enhances electricity reliability in Massachusetts;
- ✓ Reduces winter electricity price spikes;
- ✓ Is cost effective;
- ✓ Does not expose ratepayers to transmission cost overruns;
- ✓ Guarantees energy delivery in winter months;
- ✓ Delivered over existing transmission corridor minimizing environmental impacts and boosting public support
- ✓ Is viable in a commercially reasonable timeframe;
- ✓ Creates and fosters employment and economic development in the commonwealth;
- ✓ Combines new Class I resources and firm hydroelectric generation; and
- ✓ Demonstrates a benefit to low-income ratepayers in the commonwealth without adding cost to the Project.

The Project’s components are offered as a single bid and should be evaluated as a complete package with all components together. We have structured our Project proposal to provide all of the products in the offer under a single long-term contract with each Distribution Company; however, we are open and prepared to discuss alternate structures that may be preferable.

We are hand delivering seven (7) copies of each of a Confidential Full Version (two confidential discs are provided to constitute the Confidential Full Version, one includes all transmission related confidential information and the second includes all other confidential information) and a Redacted Public Version of our Project proposal on appropriately labeled CD-ROMS as specified by Appendix H and Section 1.7 of the RFP.

The enclosed CD-ROMs include three (3) CPPD forms, one from each of the Bidders and one from GridAmerica. We have completed the Bidder Response Form and included in pdf format, and are

providing extensive attachments. The attachments also include active Excel workbooks for the CPPD Forms.

The Bid Fee in the aggregate amount of \$100,000 has been made by wire transfer in accordance with your posted instructions as follows:

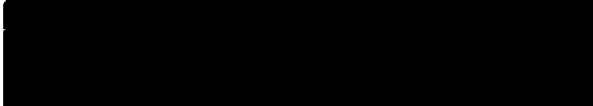
<u>Distribution Company</u>	<u>% Allocation</u>	<u>Bid Fee</u>
Eversource Energy	53.15%	\$53,150.00
National Grid	45.72%	\$45,720.00
UNITIL	1.13%	\$1,130.00
Total	100%	\$100,000.00

The MA 83D RFP Bid Fee Submittal Form is also attached.

We look forward to the evaluation of our Project's proposal and stand ready to provide any further information or assistance that you may require.

Respectfully submitted,

AVANGRID RENEWABLES, LLC



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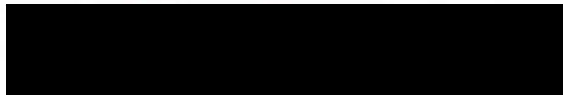
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