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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
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Re: D.T.E. 04-113, Boston Edison Company/
D.T.E. 05-88, Boston Edison Company – Joint Motion to Consolidate

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing is the Joint Motion of Boston Edison Company and the Attorney General to Consolidate Proceedings in the above-referenced cases. Also enclosed is a Certificate of Service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert N. Werlin

Enclosure

cc: Service List

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Boston Edison Company	)	D.T.E. 04-113/D.T.E. 05-88

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the Department of Telecommunications and parties of record in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05 (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedures).

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JOINT MOTION OF BOSTON EDISON COMPANY AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CONSOLIDATE PROCEEDINGS

Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric ("Boston Edison" or the "Company") and the Attorney General (collectively, the "Parties") jointly request that the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") consolidate its review of the annual reconciliation filings made by the Company in the above-referenced proceedings. In support of this motion, the Parties state as follows.

On November 18, 2005, the Company, with the assent of the Attorney General, requested that the Department modify the schedule in D.T.E. 04-113 (the Company's 2004 reconciliation proceeding) in order to address the general rate cases that were to be filed by the Company, Cambridge Electric Light Company, Commonwealth Electric Company and NSTAR Gas Company. As the Department is aware, the general rate proceedings were concluded by a comprehensive settlement that was approved by the Department in D.T.E. 05-85 on December 30, 2005. In addition, the Company has since filed its annual reconciliation case for 2005, which has been docketed as D.T.E. 05-88. The Company intends to file final numbers for 2005 in March, at which time it will possible to engage in settlement negotiations for that case.

Because any adjustments that would be made to the 2004 reconciliation would be carried forward to 2005 and the issues that would be subject to review are similar in

nature, it would be appropriate and administratively efficient to attempt to resolve issues for both years after the 2005 data are finalized. Accordingly, the Parties request that the two proceedings be consolidated for hearing purposes and that they be given sufficient time to conduct settlement negotiations on a consolidated basis. After the filing of final 2005 data, the Parties will engage in settlement discussions, including the issuance of discovery, the negotiation of issues and the exchange of proposals. The Parties propose the following schedule for the consolidated cases:

March 2006	Updated Filing in D.T.E. 05-88
April 3, 2006	Discovery Period Begins
May 19, 2006	Final Information Requests Issued
June 2, 2006	Final Responses to Information Requests
June/July 2006	Settlement Period
July 31, 2006	File Settlement Agreement or Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Date.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Parties respectfully request that the Department consolidate the proceedings in D.T.E. 04-113 and D.T.E. 05-88 in accordance with the aforesaid procedural schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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