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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 06-19

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Please find attached on behalf of Commonwealth Electric Company, d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Company") responses to information requests asked by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, as listed on the following page. The Company seeks an extension until July 28, 2006, to file its response to information request DTE-2-1 in order to provide the Company with additional time to compile the substantial amount of information sought by the Department in that request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact me if you have any questions about the filing.

Very truly yours,

John K. Habib

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Enclosures
cc: Jody Stiefel, Hearing Officer
Joseph Rogers, Assistant Attorney General
Ron LeComte, Director, Electric Power Division
Kevin Brannelly, Director, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division

INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSES ATTACHED

DTE-2-2

Information Request DTE-2-2

Refer to the attached (electronic copy only) EXCEL file (CEC sumry w 2005 data.xls), worksheet labeled "calc compare" please identify why using the circuit total values do not result in the SAIDI or SAIFI values reflected in the Company's annual SQ filings.

Response

The SAIDI/SAIFI values reflected in the Company's Annual Service Quality Report ("ASQR") differ from the circuit total values that are reflected in the Department's EXCEL file primarily because of the customer counts that are used in each document. The Company calculates SAIDI/SAIFI performance statistics in its ASQR by using customer counts that are reported annually to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. In comparison, in order to provide the Department with SAIDI/SAIFI data at the circuit level for purposes of the Department's EXCEL file, the Company must use customer counts developed from the Company's Customer Information System ("CIS"), which are updated more frequently, and are segregated by the CIS system based on query parameters. As a result, the sum total of circuit-level customer counts in the Department's EXCEL file may not equal the values reflected in the Company's ASQR customer count simply because of the dynamic nature of the CIS customer database and the way in which the CIS system is directed to segregate customers among circuits.

Moreover, the Company added some circuits during 2005 to the Company's system that, when included in the Department's EXCEL file, will also make up for a small portion of the variance that exist between the SAIDI or SAIFI of the circuit total values and those values reflected in the Company's ASQR. The Company will include these additional circuits in the Department's EXCEL file when the Company completes its response to information request DTE-2-1.