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VIA HAND DELIVERY AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

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

RE: NSTAR Electric Petition for Approval of Merger, D.T.E. 06-40

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and five (5) copies of the Petition of Direct Energy Services, LLC for Limited Participant Status in the above-captioned docket.

Please date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to the messenger for our files.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert D. Shapiro

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Enclosures
cc: Joan Foster Evans, Hearing Officer

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