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LOBBYING REPORT

Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 (Section 5) - All Filers Are Required To Complete This Page

1. Registrant Name Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman LLP			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 3000 K. Street, N.W., Suite 300			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Washington State/Zip (or Country) DC 20007			
4. Contact Name Gary D. Slaiman		Telephone (202) 424-7500	E-mail (optional) 5. Senate ID # 37460-327
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self New England Electric System		6. House ID # 31419033	

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 1999 Midyear (January 1-June 30) OR Year End (July 1-December 31)

9. Check if this filing amends a previously filed version of this report

10. Check if this is a Termination Report ⇨ Termination Date _____ 11. No Lobbying Activity

INCOME OR EXPENSES - Complete Either Line 12 OR Line 13	
<p>12. Lobbying Firms</p> <p>INCOME relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period was:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ <small>Income (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>Provide a good faith estimate, rounded to the nearest \$20,000, of all lobbying related income from the client (including all payments to the registrant by any other entity for lobbying activities on behalf of the client).</p>	<p>13. Organizations</p> <p>EXPENSES relating to lobbying activities for this reporting period were:</p> <p>Less than \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input type="checkbox"/> ⇨ \$ _____ <small>Expenses (nearest \$20,000)</small></p> <p>14. REPORTING METHOD. Check box to indicate expense accounting method. See instructions for description of options.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method A. Reporting amounts using LDA definitions only</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method B. Reporting amounts under section 6033(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Method C. Reporting amounts under section 162(e) of the Internal Revenue Code</p>

Signature _____

Printed Name and Title _____

Swidler Berlin Shereff
Friedman LLP

Registrant Name _____ Client Name New England Electric System

LOBBYING ACTIVITY. Select as many codes as necessary to reflect the general issue areas in which the registrant engaged in lobbying on behalf of the client during the reporting period. Using a separate page for each code, provide information as requested. Attach additional page(s) as needed.

15. General issue area code UTI (one per page)

16. Specific lobbying issues

Electric Utility Restructuring Legislation (e.g., S. 516, H.R. 667, S. 1047, S. 1048 etc.)

17. House(s) of Congress and Federal agencies contacted Check if None

18. Name of each individual who acted as a lobbyist in this issue area

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature Martin C. Ernst Date 08/09/99

Printed Name and Title Martin C. Ernst -- Legislative Analyst