

LOBBYING REPORT 10-43

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

1. Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 53 State Street			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: Boston State/Zip (or Country): MA 02109			
4. Contact Name Dennis J. Kearney	Telephone 617/248-5000	E-mail (optional) djk choate.com	5. Senate ID # 49670-12
7. Client Name <input type="checkbox"/> Self National Grid USA (formerly New England Electric System)			6. House ID # 34515001

TYPE OF REPORT 8. Year 2000 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 type="checkbox"/></p> <p>\$10,000 or more <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ⇒ \$ <u>33,882,42</u> <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)(8) 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 *Dennis J. Kearney*
 Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

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 Industry Restructuring,
 HR134, HR667, HR721, HR971, HR1253, HR1486, HR1587, HR1828, HR2050
 HR2569, HR2645, HR2734, HR2786, HR2944, HR4941, S282, S516, S1047,
 S1048, S1273, S1284, S1323, S1369, S2071, S2098, S2886
 PUCHA Repeal, HR2363, S313
 PURPA Repeal, HR1138
 Y2K, HR775, S1139
 Military Privatization, HR4205, S2549

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

U.S. House of Representatives
 U.S. Senate
 Executive Office of President
 DOE
 FERC

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

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)	New
Dennis J. Kearney, Partner		<input type="checkbox"/>
Michelle R. McGee		<input type="checkbox"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature Dennis J. Kearney Date August 14, 2000
 Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart Client Name National Grid USA

Information Update Page - Complete ONLY where registration information has changed.

20. Client new address

21. Client new principal place of business (if different from line 20)

City _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____

22. New general description of client's business or activities

LOBBYIST UPDATE

23. Name of each previously reported individual who is **no longer** expected to act as a lobbyist for the client

ISSUE UPDATE

24. General lobbying issues previously reported that **no longer** pertain

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

25. Add the following affiliated organization(s)

Name	Address	Principal Place of Business (city and state or country)

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FOREIGN ENTITIES

27. Add the following foreign entities

Name	Address	Principal place of business (city and state or country)	Amount of contribution for lobbying activities	Ownership percentage in class
National Grid Group PLC	15 Marylebone Rd. London, NW15JD	UK	0	100%

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Tax Treatment of Utility Divestiture Proceeds
Private Use Restrictions, HR721, HR1253, HR4971, S386
Nuclear Decommissioning Tax Relief, HR2036, S1308, S1793

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Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

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National Grid
Dennis J. Kearney - Washington Expenses
January - June 2000

1/12/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
1/12/00	159.79	Hotel	Travel
1/12/00	45.50	Taxis	Travel
1/12/00	5.00	Meals	
	<u>\$ 516.29</u>	Total for January 12-13, 2000	

1/27/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
1/27/00	112.25	Hotel	Travel
1/27/00	52.50	Taxis	Travel
1/27/00	5.00	Meals	
	<u>\$ 475.75</u>	Total for January 27-28, 2000	
	<u>\$ 992.04</u>	TOTAL FOR JANUARY 2000	

2/9/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
2/9/00	103.84	Hotel	Travel
2/9/00	14.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 423.84</u>	Total for February 9-10, 2000	
	<u>\$ 423.84</u>	TOTAL FOR FEBRUARY 2000	

3/1/00	\$ 153.00	Air Fare	Travel
3/1/00	51.25	Hotel	Travel
3/1/00	19.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 223.25</u>	Total for March 1-2, 2000	

3/8/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
3/8/00	106.00	Hotel	Travel
3/8/00	20.50	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 432.50</u>	Total for March 8-9, 2000	
3/29/00	\$ 306.00	Air Fare	Travel
3/29/00	105.91	Hotel	Travel
3/29/00	8.00	Meal	
3/29/00	47.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 466.91</u>	Total for March 29-30, 2000	
	\$1,122.66	TOTAL FOR MARCH 2000	

\$2,538.54 TOTAL

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National Grid
Michelle McGee - Washington Expenses
January - June 2000

02/08/00	\$ 123.00	Air Fare	Travel
02/08/00	131.60	Hotel	Travel
02/08/00	27.50	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 282.10</u>	Total for February 8-9, 2000	
03/08/00	\$ 135.00	Air Fare	Travel
03/08/00	212.78	Hotel	Travel
03/08/00	110.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 457.78</u>	Total for March 8-9, 2000	
05/12/00	\$ 587.00	Air Fare	Travel
05/12/00	20.00	Taxis	Travel
	<u>\$ 607.00</u>	Total for May 12, 2000	
	<u>\$1,343.88</u>	TOTAL	