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LOBBYING REPORT

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1. Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart			
2. Address <input type="checkbox"/> Check if different than previously reported 53 State Street, Boston, MA 02109			
3. Principal Place of Business (if different from line 2) City: _____ State/Zip (or Country) _____			
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>30,650.47</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 _____

Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

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

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
See next page.

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

Senate and House of Representatives
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"/>
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19. Interest of each foreign entity in the specific issues listed on line 16 above Check if None

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

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SPECIFIC LOBBYING ISSUES
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General Issue Area Code UTI

ELECTRIC UTILITY INDUSTRY RESTRUCTURING

H.R.134

Title: To amend title 38, United States Code, to revise the eligibility criteria for presumption of service-connection of certain diseases and disabilities for veterans exposed to ionizing radiation during military service.

H.R.667

Title: To remove Federal impediments to retail competition in the electric power industry, thereby providing opportunities within electricity restructuring.

H.R.721

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax-exempt bond financing of certain electric facilities.

H.R.971

Title: To amend the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 to protect the Nation's electricity ratepayers by ensuring that rates charged by qualifying small power producers and qualifying cogenerators do not exceed the incremental cost to the purchasing utility of alternative electric energy at the time of delivery, and for other purposes.

H.R.1253

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing by governmentally owned electric utilities and to subject certain activities of such utilities to income tax.

H.R.1486

Title: To provide for a transition to market-based rates for power sold by the Federal Power Marketing Administrations and the Tennessee Valley Authority, and for other purposes.

H.R.1587

Title: To encourage States to establish competitive retail markets for electricity, to clarify the roles of the Federal Government and the States in retail electricity markets, to remove certain Federal barriers to competition, and for other purposes.

H.R.1828

Title: To provide for a more competitive electric power industry, and for other purposes.

H.R.2050

Title: To provide consumers with a reliable source of electricity and a choice of electric providers, and for other purposes.

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H.R.2569

Title: To enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes.

H.R.2645

Title: To provide for the restructuring of the electric power industry.

H.R.2734

Title: To allow local government entities to serve as nonprofit aggregators of electricity services on behalf of their citizens.

H.R.2786

Title: To provide for expansion of electricity transmission networks in order to support competitive electricity markets and to bring the benefits of less regulation of such markets to the public, and for other purposes.

H.R.2944

Title: To promote competition in electricity markets and to provide consumers with a reliable source of electricity, and for other purposes.

H.R.4941

Title: To amend the Federal Power Act to provide for the reliability of the electric power transmission system in the United States, and for other purposes.

S.282

Title: A bill to provide that no electric utility shall be required to enter into a new contract or obligation to purchase or to sell electricity or capacity under section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

S.516

Title: A bill to benefit consumers by promoting competition in the electric power industry, and for other purposes.

S.1047

Title: A bill to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, and for other purposes.

S.1048

Title: A bill to provide for a more competitive electric power industry, and for other purposes.

S.1273

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Power Act, to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and for other purposes.

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S.1284

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that no State may establish, maintain, or enforce on behalf of any electric utility an exclusive right to sell electric energy or otherwise unduly discriminate against any consumer who seeks to purchase electric energy in interstate commerce from any supplier.

S.1323

Title: A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to ensure that certain Federal power customers are provided protection by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and for other purposes.

S.1369

Title: A bill to enhance the benefits of the national electric system by encouraging and supporting State programs for renewable energy sources, universal electric service, affordable electric service, and energy conservation and efficiency, and for other purposes.

S.2071

Title: A bill to benefit electricity consumers by promoting the reliability of the bulk-power system.

S.2098

Title: A bill to facilitate the transition to more competitive and efficient electric power markets, and to ensure electric reliability.

S.2886

Title: A bill to provide for retail competition for the sale of electric power, to authorize States to recover transition costs, and for other purposes.

PUHCA REPEAL

H.R.2363

Title: To repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999, and for other purposes.

S.313

Title: A bill to repeal the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, to enact the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1999, and for other purposes.

PURPA REPEAL

H.R.1138

Title: To prospectively repeal section 210 of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.

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H.R.775

Title: To establish certain procedures for civil actions brought for damages relating to the failure of any device or system to process or otherwise deal with the transition from the year 1999 to the year 2000, and for other purposes.

S.1138

Title: A bill to regulate interstate commerce by making provision for dealing with losses arising from Year 2000 Problem-related failures that may disrupt communications, intermodal transportation, and other matters affecting interstate commerce.

MILITARY PRIVATIZATION

H.R.4205

Title: To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S.2549

Title: An original bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

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Signature Dennis J. Kearney Date 2-14-01

Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

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General Issue Area Code TAX

PRIVATE USE RESTRICTIONS

H.R.721

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax-exempt bond financing of certain electric facilities.

H.R.1253

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restrict the use of tax-exempt financing by governmentally owned electric utilities and to subject certain activities of such utilities to income tax.

H.R.4971

Title: To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to facilitate competition in the electric power industry.

S.386

Title: A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for tax-exempt bond financing of certain electric facilities.

NUCLEAR DECOMMISSIONING TAX RELIEF

H.R.2038

Title: To amend section 468A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to deductions for decommissioning costs of nuclear powerplants.

S.1308

Title: A bill to amend section 468A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to deductions for decommissioning costs of nuclear power plants.

S.1793

Title: A bill to ensure that there will be adequate funding for the decommissioning of nuclear power facilities.