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LOBBYING REPORT

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

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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 New England Electric System | | | 6. House ID # 34515001 |

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

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| 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>31,492.50</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

Registrant Name Choate, Hall & Stewart 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 Industry Restructuring,
 HR 134, HR 667, HR 721, HR 971, HR 1253, HR 1487, HR 1587, HR 1828, HR 2050,
 HR 2569, HR 2734, HR 2786
 S 282, S 386, S 516, S 1047, S 1048, S 1273, S 1284, S 1323, S 1369
 PUHCA Repeal, HR 1138
 Y2K, HR 775, S 1138

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

U.S. House of Representatives
 U.S. Senate
 Exec. 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 Dennis J. Kearney Date August 12, 1999
 Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

Choate, Hall & Stewart
Registrant Name Client Name New England Electric System

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

16. Specific lobbying issues

Tax Treatment of Utility Divestiture Proceeds

Private Use Restrictions, HR 721, HR 1253, S 386

Nuclear Decommissioning Tax Relief, HR 2038

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

Senate and House of Representatives

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

| Name | Covered Official Position (if applicable) | |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| Dennis J. Kearney, Partner | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Signature Dennis J. Kearney Date August 12 1999
Printed Name and Title Dennis J. Kearney, Partner

Choate, Hall & Stewart
Dennis J. Kearney - NEES
Lobbying Report Expenses - January to June 1999

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------|--------|
| \$ 301.75 | March 25, 1999 | U.S. Air | Travel |
| 21.00 | March 25, 1999 | Taxis | Travel |
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| \$ 322.75 | Total for March 25, 1999 | | |
| | | | |
| \$ 301.75 | May 20, 1999 | U.S. Air | Travel |
| 34.00 | May 20, 1999 | Taxis | Travel |
| <hr/> | | | |
| \$ 335.75 | Total for May 20, 1999 | | |
| | | | |
| \$ 301.75 | May 25-26, 1999 | U.S. Air | Travel |
| 131.00 | May 25-26, 1999 | Washington Court | Hotel |
| 34.50 | May 25-26, 1999 | Taxis | Travel |
| 10.00 | May 25-26, 1999 | Meal | Travel |
| 10.00 | May 25-26, 1999 | Meal | Travel |
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| \$ 487.25 | Total for May 25-26, 1999 | | |
| | | | |
| \$ 301.75 | June 24, 1999 | U.S. Air | Travel |
| 40.00 | June 24, 1999 | Taxis | Travel |
| 5.00 | June 24, 1999 | Meal | Travel |
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| \$ 346.75 | Total for June 24, 1999 | | |
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| \$1492.50 | TOTAL FOR JANUARY TO JUNE 1999 | | |