

NEGOTIATED AREAWIDE CONTRACT
No. GS-00P-05-BSD- 0350
BETWEEN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

THIS AREAWIDE CONTRACT FOR ELECTRIC, ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, NATURAL GAS AND GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICES is executed this 31st day of March, 2005, between the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Administrator of General Services (hereinafter referred to as the "Government"), pursuant to the authority contained in Section 201(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 501(b)(1), and Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, and having its principal office and place of business at 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202 (hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor"):

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a public utility company that is regulated by the State of New York Public Service Commission;

WHEREAS, the Contractor now has on file with the State of New York Public Service Commission and/or with such other regulatory bodies as may have jurisdiction over the Contractor (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Commission") all of its effective tariffs, rate schedules, riders, rules and regulatory terms and conditions of service, as applicable;

WHEREAS, with some exceptions, the Government is generally required by Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), 48 CFR 41.204, to enter into a bilateral contract for utility service at each Federal facility where the value of the utility service provided is expected to exceed \$50,000 per year;

WHEREAS, where the Government has an areawide contract in effect with a particular utility then such utility service is normally to be procured thereunder;

WHEREAS, the Government is now purchasing such electric, electric transportation and distribution, gas and gas transportation services from the Contractor under the Areawide Public Utilities Contract No. GS-00P-03-BSD-0212 that expires on March 31, 2005, or under some other service arrangement; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor and the Government mutually desire that this Areawide Contract be used by the agencies of the Government in obtaining electric, electric transportation and distribution, gas and gas transportation services from the Contractor and to facilitate partnering arrangements as encouraged and authorized by P.L. 102-486 (Energy Policy Act of 1992) 10 U.S.C. 2865 and 42 U.S.C. 8256);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual covenants herein contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS.

1.1. As used in this contract,

(a) the term "Areawide Contract" means this master contract entered into between the Government and Contractor to cover the Utility Service acquisitions of all Federal agencies in the franchised certificated service territory from Contractor for a period not to exceed ten (10) years;

(b) the term "Agency" means any Federal department, agency, or independent establishment in the executive branch of the Government, any establishment in the legislative or judicial branches of the Federal Government, or any wholly/mixed ownership Government corporation, as defined in the Government Corporation Control Act;

(c) the term "Ordering Agency" means any Agency that enters into a bilaterally executed Authorization for procurement of electric, electric transmission and distribution, gas and gas transportation services under this Areawide Contract;

(d) the term "Authorization" means an order form used to acquire services under this Areawide Contract (see Exhibit "A" AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, Exhibit "B" AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, Exhibit "C" AUTHORIZATION FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE, and Exhibit "D" AUTHORIZATION FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE annexed hereto);

(e) the term "Termination Authorization" means an order form used to discontinue or disconnect services under this Areawide Contract (see Exhibit "A" AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, Exhibit "B" AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION, Exhibit "C" AUTHORIZATION FOR NATURAL GAS SERVICE, and Exhibit "D" AUTHORIZATION FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE);

(f) the term "Service" means any electric or gas Utility Service generally available from the Contractor pursuant to Contractor's Tariffs or the Contractor's Terms and Conditions, whichever is applicable;

(g) the term "Utility Service(s)" means electric and natural gas (h) commodities, transmission, distribution, and/or related services provided under the Contractor's Tariffs;

(h) the term "Contractor's Tariffs" means the utility company's electric and natural gas services tariffs, and includes rate schedules, riders, rules, regulations, and regulated terms and conditions of service as may be modified, amended or supplemented by the Contractor from time to time and approved by the Commission;

(i) the term "Contractor's Terms and Conditions" for this Agreement, means the terms, conditions, policies, payment terms and prices established by the Contractor for those services not specifically addressed by the Contractor's Tariff;

(j) the term "Connection Charge" means a Contractor's charge for facilities on the Contractor's side of the delivery point which facilities (1) are required to make connections with the nearest point of supply and (2) are in accordance with the Contractor's Tariffs and the Commission's rules and regulations, installed, owned, maintained and operated by the Contractor; and

(k) the term "Class of Service" or "Service Classification" means those categories of service established in the Contractor's Tariff or the Contractor's Terms and Conditions, as applicable;

1.2. This Article is hereby expanded to include the additional definitions contained in FAR Clause 52.202-1, Definitions (MAY 2001), 48 C.F.R. 52.202-1, which are incorporated herein by reference.

ARTICLE 2. SCOPE AND DURATION OF CONTRACT.

2.1. This Areawide Contract shall be in effect upon the date of execution and shall continue for a period of ten (10) years unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Section 2.1; provided, however, that the agencies of the Government may only use this Areawide Contract to obtain services from the Contractor in accordance with this Areawide Contract, the Contractor's Tariffs and the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (10 U.S.C 2865 and 42 U.S.C. 8256) on and after April 1, 2005. The Government, pursuant to the clause contained in FAR 52.249-2 (48 C.F.R. 52.249-2), incorporated into this Areawide Contract under Article 14.1-25, or the Contractor, upon 60 days written notice to the Government, may terminate this Areawide Contract, in whole or in part, when it is in their respective interest to do so, provided, however, that neither the stated duration of this Areawide Contract nor any other termination of it, in whole or in part, pursuant to this Article 2.1, or otherwise shall be construed to affect any obligation for any payment, charge, rate, or other matter that

may be imposed pursuant to the Contractor's Tariffs and/or other terms and conditions mutually agreed upon by the Ordering Agency and Contractor in an individual Authorization.

2.2. Authorizations may be executed under this Areawide Contract at any time during the term of the contract, up to and including the last effective date. Authorizations may be executed for a term extending beyond the term of this Areawide Contract, and for any particular length of term, provided that it is within the contracting authority of the Ordering Agency.

2.3. Expiration or termination of this contract shall not cause the termination of the individual Authorizations issued under this Areawide Contract. Such Authorizations shall remain in effect for their designated term and shall incorporate the terms and conditions of this Areawide Contract.

2.4 The provisions of this Areawide Contract shall not apply to the Contractor's service to any Agency until both the ordering Agency and the Contractor execute a written Authorization for electric, electric transmission and distribution, gas and gas transportation services. Upon bilateral execution of an Authorization, the Contractor agrees to furnish to the ordering Agency, and the ordering Agency agrees to purchase from the Contractor, the above noted services for the installation(s) or facilities named in the Authorization pursuant to the terms of this Areawide Contract.

2.3. Subject to the Contractor's Tariffs, nothing in this Areawide Contract shall be construed as precluding the ordering Agency and the Contractor from entering into an Authorization for negotiated rates based upon load shedding capability, existence of curtailable load, unique energy usage patterns or service of a special nature, provided such negotiated rates or service are in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, if applicable.

ARTICLE 3. EXISTING CONTRACTS.

3.1. The parties agree that an Agency currently acquiring service from the Contractor under a separate written contract may continue to do so until that contract expires or until such time as the Agency and the Contractor mutually agree to terminate that separate written contract and have such service provided pursuant to this Areawide Contract by executing an appropriate Authorization or Authorizations.

3.2. Existing special rates and services of a special nature, if any, currently provided under a separate written contract may be continued under the Authorizations described in Article 3.1 if requested by the Ordering Agency and agreed upon by the Contractor and if in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission, where applicable, and the Contractor's Terms and Conditions.

ARTICLE 4. AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE AND SERVICE DISCONNECTION.

4.1. To obtain or change service under this Areawide Contract, the ordering Agency shall complete the appropriate Authorization and forward it to the Contractor. Upon the request of the ordering Agency, the Contractor shall endeavor to provide reasonable assistance to the ordering Agency in selecting the service classification which may be most favorable to the ordering Agency. Upon execution of an Authorization by both the Contractor and the ordering Agency, the date of initiation or change in service shall be effective as of the date specified in the Authorization. An executed copy of the Authorization (cover page only) shall be transmitted by the ordering Agency to GSA at the address provided in Article 16.1.

4.2. During the term of this Areawide Contract, effective Authorizations need not be amended, modified, or changed by an Ordering Agency to reflect changes in: accounting and appropriation data, the Contractor's tariff, the Contractor's cost of purchased fuel, or the estimated annual cost of service. Such changes are considered internal to the party involved. Where changes are required in effective Authorizations because of a change in the service requirements of an Ordering Agency, an amended Authorization shall be mutually agreed upon and executed.

4.3. An ordering Agency or the Contractor may discontinue service provided pursuant to this Areawide Contract to a particular Federal facility or installation by delivering a written Termination Authorization to the other. Such discontinuance of service by an ordering Agency or the Contractor shall be in accordance with the terms of this Areawide Contract and the Contractor's Tariffs.

4.4 Within the authorities of the Ordering Agency, the term of any individual Authorization is independent of the expiration date of this Areawide Contract and the conditions and articles of this Areawide Contract shall apply throughout the term of any Authorization placed against it in accordance with this Areawide Contract.

ARTICLE 5. RATES, CHARGES, AND PUBLIC REGULATION.

5.1. A complete listing of all Contractor's Tariffs is available to the Government and any ordering Agency electronically at the Contractor's website accessible via www.nationalgridus.com/niagaramohawk

5.2. Subject to the provisions of Article 2.3, all electric, electric transmission and distribution, gas and gas transportation purchases under this Areawide Contract, as well as any other action under this Areawide Contract shall be in accordance with, and subject to, the Contractor's Tariffs, and in the event of a conflict between this Areawide Contract and the Contractor's Tariffs the terms of the Contractor's Tariffs shall prevail except to the extent that same are preempted by Federal law. Throughout the term of the Areawide Contract, the Government shall have full access to the Contractor's currently effective Tariffs. In the event the Contractor's Tariffs become inaccessible via the internet or the ordering Agency does not have access to the internet, the Contractor agrees to provide newly effective or amended Tariffs in accordance with the Contractor's Tariff distribution practices, policies and procedures applicable to all customers.

5.3. If, during the term of this Areawide Contract, the Commission approves a change in rates for services specified in Authorizations in effect hereunder, the Contractor agrees to continue to furnish, and the ordering Agency agrees to continue to pay for, those services at the newly approved rates from and after the date such rates are made effective. As provided in Article 4.2, modification of any Authorization hereunder is not necessary to implement higher or lower rates.

5.4. The Contractor hereby represents and warrants to the Government that the service rates available to any Ordering Agencies hereunder shall at all times not exceed those available to any other customer served under the same service classification for the same or comparable service, under like conditions of use. Nothing herein shall require the Contractor to apply service rates that are inapplicable to the Ordering Agency.

5.5. Reasonable written notice via an Authorization shall be given by the ordering Agency to the Contractor, at the address provided in Article 16.2, of any material changes proposed in the volume or characteristic of Utility Service required by the Ordering Agency.

5.6. To the extent required by the Contractor's Tariffs, the Commission's rules and regulations, or the Contractor's policies and practices applicable to all customers, and in accordance therewith, any necessary extension, alteration, relocation, or reinforcement of the Contractor's transmission or distribution lines, related special facilities, service arrangements, demand side management services (including any rebates to which the ordering Agency may be entitled), energy audit services, or other services required or requested by an ordering Agency shall be provided and, as applicable, billed for, by the Contractor. To the extent available from the Contractor, the Contractor shall provide and, as applicable, bill for such technical assistance on or concerning an ordering Agency's equipment (such as the inspection or repair of such equipment) as may be requested by such ordering Agency. The charges for such technical assistance shall be calculated at the time the technical assistance is rendered, as mutually agreed upon by the Contractor and the Agency and shall comply with Contractor's Tariffs, if applicable. The Authorization or any other agreement used to obtain and provide the matters, services, or technical assistance described in this Article 5.6 shall contain information descriptive of the matters, services, or technical assistance required or requested, including the amount of (or method to determine) any payment to be made by the ordering Agency to the Contractor for the provision of said matters, services, or technical assistance.

5.7. Any charges for matters or services referenced in Article 5.6 hereof which are not established by the Contractor's Tariffs shall be subject to audit by the ordering Agency prior to payment; provided, however, that notwithstanding such right to audit, payment for the matters and services referenced in Article 5.6 thereof shall not be unreasonably withheld or denied. The Contractor further warrants and represents to the Government that charges for the matters or services referenced in Article 5.6 hereof will not exceed the charges billed to other customers of the Contractor served under the same service classification for like matters or services provided under similar circumstances.

5.8. The requirements of the Disputes clause at FAR 52.233-1 are supplemented to provide that matters involving the interpretation of Contractor's Tariffs are subject to the jurisdiction and regulation of the utility rate commission having jurisdiction.

ARTICLE 6. BILLS AND BILLING DATA.

6.1. The Utility Service(s) supplied hereunder shall be billed to the ordering Agency at the address specified in each Authorization. Bills shall be submitted in original only, unless otherwise specified in the Authorization. All bills shall contain such data as is required by the Commission to substantiate the billing, and such other reasonable and available data as may be requested by the ordering Agency, provided that such other data are contained in bills provided to other customers of the Contractor served under the same service classification as the ordering Agency.

ARTICLE 7. PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES.

7.1. The ordering Agency shall effect payment of all bills for services rendered (which term includes, but is not limited to, Utility Services provided and any other payment, charge, rate, or other matter that may be imposed pursuant to the Contractor's tariffs) under this Areawide Contract in accordance with the terms of the Contractor's Tariff and any changes in the Contractor's Tariff provisions for the payment of bills shall supersede the provisions of this paragraph.

7.2. The ordering Agency will make invoice payments for services in accordance with the Contractor's Tariffs. The interest rate for late payments made pursuant the Contractor's Tariffs.

7.3. Payments hereunder shall not normally be made in advance of services rendered in accordance with 48 C.F.R. Subpart 32.4 unless required by the Contractor's Tariff.

7.4. Each payment made by Treasury check to the Contractor shall include the Contractor's billing stub(s), or a Government or ordering Agency payment document, that clearly and correctly lists all of the Contractor's account numbers to which the payment applies and the dollar amount applicable to each account. If payment is by Electronic Funds Transfer either through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) or the Federal Reserve Wire Transfer System, the provisions of FAR Subpart 52.232-34 shall apply (See Article 14).

ARTICLE 8. CONTRACTOR-OWNED METERS.

8.1. Metering equipment of standard manufacture suitable to measure all Utility Service(s) supplied by the Contractor hereunder shall be furnished, installed, calibrated and maintained by the Contractor at its expense. In the event any meter fails to register or registers incorrectly, as determined by the regulations of the Commission, billing adjustments shall be made in accordance with such regulations.

8.2. The Contractor, so far as possible, shall read all meters monthly in accordance with the Contractor's Tariff and the Commission's regulations.

8.3. Meters shall be inspected upon installation at no direct charge to the Ordering Agency. Subsequent inspection, periodic testing, repair, and replacement of meters shall be done in such place and manner as provided by the Commission's regulations. Upon notice that a meter is failing to register correctly, the Contractor shall take immediate steps to effect replacement or repair. Ordering Agencies shall have the right to request a meter test in accordance with the procedures prescribed in the Commission's regulations. The tests and applicable meter accuracy standards are those set forth in the Commission's regulations. The expense of meter tests shall be borne by the party designated as responsible therefore in the Commission's regulations.

ARTICLE 9. EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES.

9.1. Subject to the provisions of Article 5.6 hereof, the responsibility for owning, furnishing, installing, and maintaining all equipment and facilities (other than meters) required to supply service at the delivery point(s) specified in an Authorization shall be determined in accordance with the Contractor's Tariffs, Contractor's policies and practices, and the Commission's rules and regulations. The ordering Agency shall provide, free of charge to the Contractor, mutually agreeable locations on its premises for the installation of meters and such other equipment furnished and owned by the

Contractor and necessary to supply service hereunder. The Contractor shall, at all times during the life of this Areawide Contract, operate and maintain at its expense such equipment or facilities as for which it has responsibility in accordance with this Article 9.1, and shall assume all taxes and other charges in connection therewith. To the extent required by the Contractor's Tariffs and the Commission's rules and regulations, and in accordance thereof, such equipment and facilities as for which the Contractor has responsibility in accordance with this Article 9.1 shall be removed, the Agency's premises restored, by the Contractor at its expense, within a reasonable time after discontinuance of service to the ordering Agency.

9.2. All necessary rights-of-way, easements and such other rights necessary to permit the Contractor to perform under this Areawide Contract shall be obtained and the expense for same borne in accordance with the Contractor's Tariffs and the Commission's rules and regulations.

ARTICLE 10. LIABILITY.

10.1. When the Government and/or an Ordering Agency has limited or restricted the Contractor's right of access under Article 11 and thereby interfered with the Contractor's ability to supply service or to correct dangerous situations which are a threat to public safety, the Government shall indemnify and hold the Contractor harmless from any liability resulting from such restricted or limited access to the extent permitted by law and authorized by appropriations. This Article (10.1) shall not be construed to limit the Government's liability under applicable law.

10.2. The Contractor's liability to the Government and to any Ordering Agency for any failure to supply service, for any interruptions in service, and for any irregular or defective service shall be determined in accordance with the Contractor's tariffs.

ARTICLE 11. ACCESS TO PREMISES.

11.1. The Contractor shall have access to the premises served at all reasonable times during the term of this Areawide Contract and at its expiration or termination for the purpose of reading meters, making installations, repairs, or removals of the Contractor's equipment, or for any other proper purposes hereunder; provided, however, that proper military or other governmental authority may limit or restrict such right of access in any manner considered by such authority to be reasonably necessary or advisable.

ARTICLE 12. PARTIES OF INTEREST.

12.1. This Areawide Contract shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors, legal representatives, and assignees of the respective parties hereto.

ARTICLE 13. REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS.

13.1. This Areawide Contract incorporates by reference the representations and certifications made by the Contractor on Form PBS 3503 if on file with the Government.

ARTICLE 14. SUPPLEMENTAL CLAUSES.

14.1. 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated by Reference. (FEB 1998)

This Areawide Contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address (es): <http://www.arnet.gov>.

FAR REF Federal Acquisition Regulation

- (1) 52.202-1 Definitions (DEC 2001)
- (2) 52.203-3 Gratuities (APR 1984)

- (3) 52.203-5 Covenant Against Contingent Fees (APR 1984)
- (4) 52.203-6 Restrictions on Subcontractor Sales to the Government (JUL 1995)
- (5) 52.203-7 Anti-Kickback Procedures (JUL 1995)
- (6) 52.203-8 Cancellation, Rescission, and Recovery of Funds for Illegal or Improper Activity (JAN 1997)
- (7) 52.204-4 Printed/Copied Double-Sided on Recycled Paper (AUG 2000)
- (8) 52.209-6 Protecting the Government's Interest When Subcontracting With Contractors Debarred, Suspended, or Proposed for Debarment (JUL 1995)
- (9) 52.215-19 Notification of Ownership Changes (OCT 1997)
- (10) 52.219-8 Utilization of Small Business Concerns (OCT 2000)
- (11) 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan (JAN 2002)
- (12) 52.222-21 Prohibition of Segregated Facilities (FEB 1999)
- (13) 52.222-26 Equal Opportunity (APR 2002)
- (14) 52.223-14 Toxic Chemical Release Reporting (OCT 2000)
- (15) 52.229-1 State and Local Taxes (APR 1984)
- (16) 52.232.25 Prompt Payment (FEB 2002)
- (17) 52.232-23 Assignment of Claims (JAN 1986)
- (18) 52.232-34 Electronic Funds Transfer Payment (MAY 1999)
- (19) 52.233-1 Disputes (JULY 2002)
- (20) 52.237-2 Protection of Government Buildings, Equipment, and Vegetation (APR 1984)
- (21) 52.241-2 Order of Precedence – Utilities (FEB 1995)
- (22) 52.242-13 Bankruptcy (JUL 1995)
- (23) 52.243-1 Changes-Fixed Price(AUG 1987) (Alt.I)(APR 1984)
- (24) 52.244-5 Competition in Subcontracting (Dec 1996)
- (25) 52.249-2 Termination for Convenience of the Government (Fixed Price)(SEP 1996) Alternate I(SEP 1996)
- (26) 52.253-1 Computer Generated Forms (JAN 1991)

14.2 Repeal of Clauses During Term of Areawide Contract.

If, during the term of this Areawide Contract, any of the clauses contained in this Article are repealed, revoked, or dissolved by the Government, then such clauses shall no longer be part of this contract as of the date of such repeal, revocation, or dissolution. The elimination of these clauses by reason of such repeal, revocation, or dissolution shall not affect the continuing validity and effectiveness of the remainder of the contract or other clauses referenced in this Article.

ARTICLE 15. SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING PLAN

15.1. Attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference is a SUBCONTRACTING PLAN FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS, SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY SOCIALLY & ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, HUB ZONE BUSINESS CONCERNS, WOMAN OWNED SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS, VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES CONCERNS AND DISABLED VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES negotiated between the Contractor and the Government, which is applicable on a company wide basis pursuant to the requirements of Section 211 of P.L. 95-507 (15 U.S.C. 637(d)). The Contractor expressly understands that this subcontracting plan is an annual plan and hereby agrees to submit a new subcontracting plan by November 30th of each year during the life of this Contract.

15.2. Information and announcements concerning current developments in the GSA Small Business Subcontracting Program are available on the GSA Energy Center web site accessible via <http://www.gsa.gov/energy>.

ARTICLE 16. NOTICES

16.1. Unless specifically provided otherwise, all notices required to be provided to the Government under this Areawide Contract shall be mailed to: U. S. General Services Administration, Energy Center of Expertise (PLA), 301 7th Street, SW, Room 4004, Washington, DC 20407.

16.2. All inquiries and notices to the Contractor regarding this Areawide Contract shall be mailed to: **Director of Energy Transactions, Niagara Mohawk Corporation, 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, NY 13202 (telephone number (315) 428-6006)** or to such other person as the Contractor may hereafter designate in writing.

ARTICLE 17. REPORTING

17.1. The Contractor shall provide, as prescribed and directed by the Contracting Officer, an annual report on performance, Summary of Subcontract Report (Standard Form 295), in accordance with the approved subcontracting plan for small business concerns and small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals as required by Article 15 by April 1 of each year during the life of this Areawide Contract.

ARTICLE 18. MISCELLANEOUS.

18.1. Contract administration: The Ordering Agency shall assist in the day-to-day administration of the Utility Service being provided to it under an Authorization.

18.2. Anti-Deficiency: Unless otherwise authorized by Public Law or Federal Regulation, nothing contained herein shall be construed as binding the Government to expend, in any one fiscal year, any sum in excess of the appropriation made by Congress for that fiscal year in furtherance of the matter of the Areawide Contract or to involve the Government in an obligation for the future expenditure of monies before an appropriation is made (Anti-Deficiency Act, 31 U.S.C. 1341.A.1).

18.3. Obligation to Serve: Nothing contained in this Areawide Contract shall obligate the Contractor to take any action which it may consider to be detrimental to its obligations as a public utility.

18.4. Term of Authorizations: It is recognized that during the life of this Areawide Contract, situations and/or requirements may arise where it may be desirable that the term of service to an ordering Agency's facility extend beyond the term of this Areawide Contract. In such event, the particular Authorization involved may specify a term extending beyond the term of this Areawide Contract, provided that is within the contracting authority of the ordering agency.

CERTIFICATE

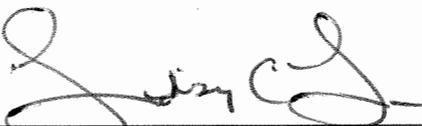
I, Kayua A. Rice, certify that I am Assistant Secretary of NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION, a corporation, named as Contractor in the negotiated Areawide Contract No. GS-OOP-05-BSD-0350; that KENNETH THOMPkins, who signed said contract on behalf of the Contractor, was then VICE PRESIDENT BUSINESS SERVICES of said Corporation; and that said contract was duly signed for and on behalf of said Corporation and is within the scope of its corporate powers.

/s/ Kayua A. Rice

(Corporate Seal)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Areawide Contract as of the day and the year first above written.

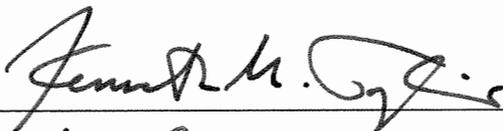
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Acting through the Administrator
of General Services

By: 
GSA Energy Center of Expertise
Contracting Officer

ATTEST:

By: _____
GSA Energy Center of Expertise

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

By: 
Title: Vice President, Business Services

ATTEST:

By: _____
Title: _____

Kenneth M. Tompkins
Vice President, Business Services
Mohawk Valley/Northern Region

EXHIBIT "A"

Contractor's ID NO. _____ (Optional)
Ordering Agency's ID _____ (Optional)

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE, CHANGE IN ELECTRIC SERVICE,
OR DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRIC SERVICE UNDER
CONTRACT NO. GS-OOP-05-BSD-0350

Ordering Agency: _____
Address: _____

Pursuant to Contract No. GS-OOP-05-BSD-0350 between the Contractor and the United States Government and subject to all the provisions thereof, service to the United States Government under such contract shall be rendered or modified as hereinafter stated. Contract Article 2 and 4 shall be followed for the initiation of service under this contract.

PREMISES TO BE SERVED: _____
SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

NATURE OF SERVICE: [] Connect, [] Change, [] Disconnect, [] Continue Service, [] DSM Work,
[] Line Extension, Alteration, Relocation, or Reinforcement, [] Special Facilities

OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS: _____
Attach any other relevant terms and conditions under which service will be provided.

POINT OF DELIVERY: _____

TERM OF SERVICE: From _____ through _____.

SERVICE HEREUNDER SHALL BE UNDER RATE SCHEDULE NO. _____ *, Hereafter amended or modified by the regulatory body having jurisdiction. (see article 5 of this contract.)

ESTIMATED ANNUAL ENERGY USAGE: _____ KWH, ESTIMATED DEMAND: _____ KW

ESTIMATED ANNUAL SERVICE COST: \$ _____

ESTIMATED CONNECTION/SPECIAL FACILITIES CHARGE: \$ _____ (if applicable)**

ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA FOR SERVICE: _____
FOR CONNECTION/SPECIAL FACILITIES CHARGE: _____

CLAUSES INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (Check applicable clauses):

- (1) 52.211-10 Commencement, Prosecution and Completion of Work (APR 1984)
(2) 52.236-5 Material and Workmanship (APR 1984)
(3) 52.241-4 Change in Class of Service (FEB 1995)
(4) 52.241-3 Scope and Duration of Contract (FEB 1995)
(5) 52.241-5 Contractor's Facilities (FEB 1995)
(6) 52.241-7 Change in Rates or Terms and Conditions of Service for Regulated Services (FEB 1995) (Use Full Text of Clause)
(7) 52.241-11 Multiple Service Locations (FEB 1995)
(8) 52.243-1 Changes-Fixed Price (AUG 1987)
(9) 52.249- Default () (Specify appropriate Clause)

BILLS WILL BE RENDERED TO THE ORDERING AGENCY FOR PAYMENT AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:
_____ in _____ copies.

The foregoing shall be effective upon the return of the fully executed original Authorization by the Contractor to the ordering Agency.

ACCEPTED:

(Ordering Agency)

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
(Contractor)

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Title: _____
Date: _____

By: _____
Authorized Signature

Title: _____
Date: _____

* Include a reference to the applicable rate schedule, and attach a copy of such schedule.

** If necessary, attach and make part hereof supplemental agreements or sheets that cover required connection or extension charges and special facilities or service arrangements. (See Article 5 of this Contract for instructions.)

NOTE:

A fully executed copy of this Authorization shall be transmitted by the ordering Agency to the Energy Center of Expertise (PLA), General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20407.

EXHIBIT "B"

Contractor's ID NO. _____ (Optional)
Ordering Agency's ID _____ (Optional)

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICE, CHANGE IN ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICE, OR DISCONNECTION OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION SERVICE UNDER CONTRACT NO. GS-OOP-05-BSD-0350

Ordering Agency: _____
Address: _____

Pursuant to Contract No. GS-OOP-05-BSD-0350 between the Contractor and the United States Government and subject to all the provisions thereof, service to the United States Government under such contract shall be rendered or modified as hereinafter stated. Contract Articles 2 and 4 shall be followed for the initiation of service under this contract.

PREMISES TO BE SERVED: _____
SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

NATURE OF SERVICE: Connect, Change, Disconnect, Continue Service, Special Facilities
 Line Extension, Alteration, Relocation, or Reinforcement

POINT OF DELIVERY: _____

TERM OF SERVICE: From _____ through _____.

SERVICE HEREUNDER SHALL BE UNDER RATE SCHEDULE NO. _____*, Hereafter amended or modified by the regulatory body having jurisdiction. (see article 5 of this contract.)

ESTIMATED ELECTRICITY VOLUME: : _____ MWH PER _____

ESTIMATED ANNUAL SERVICE COST: \$ _____
ESTIMATED CONNECTION CHARGE: \$ _____ (if applicable)**

ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA FOR SERVICE: _____
FOR CONNECTION CHARGE: _____

BILLS WILL BE RENDERED TO THE ORDERING AGENCY FOR PAYMENT AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: _____
_____ in _____ copies.
The foregoing shall be effective upon the return of the fully executed original Authorization by the Contractor to the ordering Agency.

ACCEPTED:

(Ordering Agency)

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
(Contractor)

By: _____
Authorized Signature
Title: _____
Date: _____

By: _____
Authorized Signature
Title: _____
Date: _____

* Include a reference to the applicable rate schedule, and attach a copy of such schedule.

** If necessary, attach and make part hereof supplemental agreements or sheets that cover required connection or extension charges and special facilities or service arrangements. (See Article 5 of this Contract for instructions.)

NOTE:
A fully executed copy of this Authorization shall be transmitted by the ordering Agency to the Energy Center of Expertise (PLA), General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20407.

EXHIBIT "D"

Contractor's ID NO. _____ (Optional)
Ordering Agency's ID _____ (Optional)

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
AUTHORIZATION FOR GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, CHANGE IN GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE,
OR DISCONNECTION OF GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE UNDER
CONTRACT NO. GS-OOP-05-BSD-0350

Ordering Agency: _____
Address: _____

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SERVICE ADDRESS: _____

NATURE OF SERVICE: Connect, Change, Disconnect, Continue Service,
 Line Extension, Alteration, Relocation, or Reinforcement

POINT OF DELIVERY: _____

TERM OF SERVICE: From _____ through _____.

SERVICE HEREUNDER SHALL BE UNDER RATE SCHEDULE NO. _____ *, Hereafter amended or modified by the regulatory body having jurisdiction. (see article 5 of this contract.)

ESTIMATED ANNUAL GAS VOLUME: : _____ THERMS

ESTIMATED ANNUAL SERVICE COST: \$ _____
ESTIMATED CONNECTION CHARGE: \$ _____ (if applicable)**

ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA FOR SERVICE: _____
FOR CONNECTION CHARGE: _____

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(Contractor)

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Authorized Signature

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