NATIONAL GRID GROUP PLC Form U-1/A July 19, 2002

File No. 70-10025

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

> PRE-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO

FORM U-1 APPLICATION/DECLARATION UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY ACT OF 1935

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National Grid USA 25 Research Drive Westborough, MA 01582

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(Names and principal executive offices of companies filing this statement)

NATIONAL GRID GROUP plc

(Names of top registered holding company)

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The Commission is requested to send copies of all notices, orders and communications in connection with this Application/Declaration to:

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The Application/Declaration in File No. 70-10025 hereby is amended by deleting Exhibit D-3 and replacing it with Exhibit D-3 attached hereto, and is further amended by adding Exhibit F-1 attached hereto, Opinions of counsel as to matters required by Instructions F-(1) as to Exhibits to form U-1.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, as amended, the applicants named herein have duly caused this statement to be signed on their behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NATIONAL GRID USA

By /s/ Kirk L. Ramsauer

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VERMONT YANKEE NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

By /s/ Bruce W. Wiggett

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Date: July 19, 2002