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**National Grid and New Visions announce
High-Speed Broadband over the Powerlines Agreement**

Syracuse, NY (January 4, 2007) – National Grid and New Visions Powerline Communications, Inc., a provider of high-speed broadband over-the-powerline (BPL) solutions, today announced an agreement for New Visions to provide BPL in the utility’s New York service territory.

New Visions will design, build and operate the BPL network. This exciting new technology will provide homeowners and businesses affordable high-speed internet and voice service. New Visions has plans of providing video in phase two of its deployment. The service will be delivered over the existing electrical lines by simply plugging a powerline modem into any home electrical outlet.

Service will first be installed in the Towns of Geddes, Fairmount, and portions of Camillus. The agreement, submitted as part of a filing to the New York State Public Service Commission, could allow for the service to be expanded to other parts of National Grid’s service territory in New York.

“National Grid is answering the New York State Public Service Commission’s request to explore the potential of BPL by providing New Visions access to our network,” said William F. Edwards, president of New York Distribution for National Grid. “We are glad to provide New Visions the opportunity to offer its technology and services through our system.”

Edwards said the agreement with New Visions is consistent with agreements National Grid has with other service providers, such as telecommunications and cable, to use the company’s infrastructure.

Carmen N. Branca, Jr., President of New Visions said, “We are excited about the opportunity this technology brings to National Grid and its customers. Affordable high-speed services will improve economic productivity and offer life-enhancing applications, such as remote medical diagnostics, security monitoring, voice and video services and the ability to work at home more efficiently. Customers will be amazed at the speed, low cost and reliability of BPL, as well as its ease of use.”

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The agreement will require the approval of the New York State Public Service Commission.

About New Visions Powerline Communications, Inc.

New Visions Powerline Communications, Inc. a privately held company based in Syracuse, New York, is a provider of broadband over power line (BPL) solutions to electric distribution companies. The New Visions product line includes BPL network equipment and smart grid services comprised of electric utility applications enabling real-time management of the electric grid. New Visions provides broadband services to the consumer and business such as high-speed Internet access, voice-over-the-internet and video over the existing electrical infrastructure. Further information about New Visions is available at www.nvplc.com.

About National Grid:

National Grid is an international energy delivery business with principal activities in the regulated electricity and natural gas industries. In the U.S., National Grid distributes electricity to approximately 3.4 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island and natural gas to approximately 569,000 customers in New York and 245,000 customers in Rhode Island.

The company owns the high-voltage electricity transmission network in England and Wales and operates the system across Great Britain. It also owns and operates the high-pressure gas transmission system in Britain and, through its natural gas distribution business serves over 11 million meters in homes and businesses in Britain. In addition, it has a number of businesses operating in related areas such as LNG importation, wireless infrastructure for broadcast and telecommunications, property, metering and interconnectors. For more information, visit National Grid's web site at www.nationalgrid.com.

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