NATIONAL GRID GROUP PLC

Form S-8 POS

January 31, 2002

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 31, 2002

Registration No. 333-65968

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT under THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

NATIONAL GRID GROUP PLC (formerly New National Grid plc) (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales 98-0202473 (Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

15 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JD, United Kingdom (Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme National Grid Executive Share Option Plan (Full Titles of the Plans)

Lawrence J. Reilly National Grid Group plc 25 Research Drive Westborough, MA 01582 (508) 389-2000

John G. Cochrane Vice President and Treasurer National Grid USA 25 Research Drive Westborough, MA 01582

(Names and addresses, including telephone numbers and area code, of agents for service)

Copies to:

(508) 389-2000

Fiona B. Smith General Counsel
National Grid Group plc
National Grid Group plc
National Grid USA
15 Marylebone Road
London, NW1 5JD
Westborough, MA 01582 United Kingdom

Kirk L. Ramsauer 25 Research Drive

This Post-Effective amendment to the Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed pursuant to Rule 414 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), by the Registrant, the successor to National Grid

Group PLC, following a scheme of arrangement under Section 425 of the Companies Act of 1985 effective January 31, 2002. The Registrant hereby expressly adopts the Registration Statement as its own registration statement for all purposes of the Securities Act and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and hereby sets forth any additional information necessary to reflect any material changes made in connection with or resulting from the succession, or necessary to keep this Registration Statement from being misleading in any material respect.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the Town of Westborough, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

NATIONAL GRID GROUP PLC

Dated: January 31, 2002 By: s/ Roger Urwin

Roger Urwin, Group Chief Executive

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by or on behalf of the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Principal Executive Officer

Directors (a majority):

Edward Astle *

Group Director, Telecommunications

s/ Roger Urwin

Roger Urwin

Group Chief Executive

Steven Holliday *

Principal Financial and Accounting Officer

s/ Stephen Box

Stephen Box

Group Finance Director

s/ Richard P. Sergel

Richard P. Sergel

Authorized United States

Representative

Stephen Box *

Group Finance Director

Group Director, Europe

Paul Joskow*

Non-executive Director

James Ross *

Non-Executive Chairman

Richard P. Sergel *

Group Director, North America

Roger Urwin *

Director and Group Chief Executive

*by Roger Urwin, attorney-in-fact

s/ Roger Urwin

Roger Urwin

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description Page

- 4.1. Memorandum and Articles of Association Incorporated of National Grid Group plc, incorporated by reference by reference to Exhibit A-2 of the registrant's Form U-1, File No. 70-9849
- 4.2. Deposit Agreement among New National Grid Incorporated plc, National Grid Group plc, The Bank of by reference New York, as depositary, and Owners and Beneficial Owners of American Depositary Receipts, incorporated by reference to Exhibit A of the registrant's Form F-6, File No. 333-14290
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney of the Directors Filed herewith

DIRECTOR'S POWER OF ATTORNEY

NEW NATIONAL GRID plc to be renamed NATIONAL GRID GROUP plc (the "Company")

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OF THE COMPANY TO BE ISSUED PURSUANT TO

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WITH THE US SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

- I, STEVEN HOLLIDAY, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- 1. I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as my Attorney may consider

necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.

- 2. I hereby undertake to ratify and confirm everything which my Attorney shall do or purport to do by virtue of this power of attorney and will fully indemnify my Attorney against all losses, liabilities, costs, claims, actions, demands or expenses which he may incur or which may be made against him as a result of or in connection with anything lawfully done by virtue of this power of attorney.
- 3. I hereby declare that this power of attorney shall be irrevocable for six months from the date hereof and shall at all times (both during and after the said period) be conclusively binding on me and my personal representatives in favour of third parties who have not received notice of revocation but so that the exercise by me in person from time to time of any of the powers hereby conferred shall not of itself be deemed to be a revocation.
- 4. This power of attorney shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England. I submit to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts for all purposes connected with it.
- 5. I authorise a copy of this document to be delivered to the SEC and to any other person who may require it.

IN WITNESS of which this power of attorney has been executed as a deed on 24 January, 2002.

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Signed as a deed )

By STEVEN HOLLIDAY ) s/Steven Holliday in the presence of:-
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Witness s/ Mark Noble Signature

Name Mark Noble

Address 15 Marylebone Road London, England

Occupation Solicitor

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- I, PAUL JOSKOW, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as my Attorney may consider necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.
- 2. I hereby undertake to ratify and confirm everything which my Attorney shall do or purport to do by virtue of this power of attorney and will fully indemnify my Attorney against all losses, liabilities, costs, claims, actions, demands or expenses which he may incur or which may be made against him as a result of or in connection with anything lawfully done by virtue of this power of attorney.
- 3. I hereby declare that this power of attorney shall be irrevocable for six months from the date hereof and shall at all times (both during and after the said period) be conclusively binding on me and my personal representatives in favour of third parties who have not received notice of revocation but so that the exercise by me in person from time to time of any of the powers hereby conferred shall not of itself be deemed to be a revocation.
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- 5. I authorise a copy of this document to be delivered to the SEC and to any other person who may require it.

IN WITNESS of which this power of attorney has been executed as a deed on 26 January, 2002.

Signed as a deed)

By PAUL JOSKOW) s/ Paul Joskow in the presence of:-

Witness s/ Barbara Z. Chasen Signature

Name Barbara Z. Chasen

Address 7 Chilton St.

Brookline, MA 02446

Occupation at home

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- I, JAMES HOOD ROSS, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- 1. I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as my Attorney may consider necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share

par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.

- 2. I hereby undertake to ratify and confirm everything which my Attorney shall do or purport to do by virtue of this power of attorney and will fully indemnify my Attorney against all losses, liabilities, costs, claims, actions, demands or expenses which he may incur or which may be made against him as a result of or in connection with anything lawfully done by virtue of this power of attorney.
- 3. I hereby declare that this power of attorney shall be irrevocable for six months from the date hereof and shall at all times (both during and after the said period) be conclusively binding on me and my personal representatives in favour of third parties who have not received notice of revocation but so that the exercise by me in person from time to time of any of the powers hereby conferred shall not of itself be deemed to be a revocation.
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IN WITNESS of which this power of attorney has been executed as a deed on 24 January, 2002.

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Signed as a deed )

By JAMES HOOD ROSS ) s/ James H. Ross in the presence of:-
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Witness s/ Mark Noble Signature

Name Mark Noble

Address 15 Marylebone Road London, England

Occupation Solicitor

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(the "Registration")

- I, EDWARD ASTLE, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as my Attorney may consider necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.
- 2. I hereby undertake to ratify and confirm everything which my Attorney shall do or purport to do by virtue of this power of attorney and will fully indemnify my Attorney against all losses, liabilities, costs, claims, actions, demands or expenses which he may incur or which may be made against him as a result of or in connection with anything lawfully done by virtue of this power of attorney.
- 3. I hereby declare that this power of attorney shall be irrevocable for six months from the date hereof and shall at all times (both during and after the said period) be conclusively binding on me and my personal representatives in favour of third parties who have not received notice of revocation but so that the exercise by me in person from time to time of any of the powers hereby conferred shall not of itself be deemed to be a revocation.
- 4. This power of attorney shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England. I submit to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts for all purposes connected with it.
- 5. I authorise a copy of this document to be delivered to the SEC and to any other person who may require it.

IN WITNESS of which this power of attorney has been executed as a deed on January 25, 2002.

Signed as a deed)

By EDWARD ASTLE) s/ Edward Astle in the presence of:-

Witness s/ Carol Opem Signature

Name Carol Opem

Address 93 Karen Circle Holliston, MA 01746

Occupation Executive Assistant

DIRECTOR'S POWER OF ATTORNEY

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- I, STEPHEN BOX, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as my Attorney may consider necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.

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Signed as a deed)
By STEPHEN BOX) s/ Stephen Box in the presence of:-

Witness s/ C Conroy Signature

Name C. Conroy

Address 75 Dorchester Ave London N13 5DY

Occupation Driver

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- I, RICHARD P. SERGEL, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and 1. things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as $\ensuremath{\mathsf{my}}$ Attorney $\ensuremath{\mathsf{may}}$ consider necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.
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Signed as a deed)
By RICHARD P. SERGEL) s/ Richard P. Sergel

in the presence of:-

Witness s/ Carol Opem Signature

Name Carol Opem

Address 93 Karen Circle

Holliston, MA 01746

Occupation Executive Assistant

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- I, ROGER URWIN, BEING A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY HEREBY APPOINT and authorise any other director for the time being of the Company (any such director acting in such capacity being hereinafter called "my Attorney") to be my lawful attorney in connection with the Registration on the following basis:
- I hereby authorise my Attorney to do and perform all matters and things to be done or performed by me and to agree the form and content of and to approve, sign, execute and deliver on my behalf (as a director of the Company) any application, agreement, deed or other document whatsoever pursuant to the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or otherwise in connection with the Registration, as my Attorney may consider necessary or desirable and which shall have been approved by resolution of the directors of the Company or a duly authorized committee thereof, including without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing a registration statement on Form S-8 for registration of Ordinary Shares of the Company with a per share par value of 10 pence to be issued pursuant to the National Grid Executive Share Option Scheme and the National Grid Executive Option Plan 2000 ("Plans") and a Prospectus to be circulated to participants in the Plans.
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- 5. I authorise a copy of this document to be delivered to the SEC and to any other person who may require it.

IN WITNESS of which this power of attorney has been executed as a deed on 25 January, 2002.

Signed as a deed)

By ROGER URWIN) s/ Roger Urwin in the presence of:-

Witness s/ Mark Noble Signature

Name Mark Noble

Address 15 Marylebone Road

London NW1 5JD

Occupation Solicitor