



DE 13-063

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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: DE 13-063; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned docket are an original and six copies of a Settlement Agreement between Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Staff of the Commission. The Office of Consumer Advocate requires additional time to review the agreement.

Given that the merits hearing in this docket is scheduled for January 28, 2014, the Company seeks a waiver of Puc 203.20(e) which requires that settlement agreements be filed five days in advance of a hearing. The Company asserts that the filing of this Settlement Agreement will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding given that it is a comprehensive settlement of all issues and will not impair the rights of any party, as drafts of the Settlement Agreement have been circulated to all parties in the docket prior to its finalization. As a result, waiver of the rule is in the public interest.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah B. Knowlton".

Sarah B. Knowlton

Enclosures
cc: Service list