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***Via Hand-Delivery and Electronic Mail***

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

**Re: DE 16-383; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Distribution Service Rate Case**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (the "Company"), I enclose the following for filing with the Commission in the above-captioned docket:

1. An original and six copies of a Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rates;
2. An original and six copies of the pre-filed testimony of various witnesses and other information required pursuant to N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 1600;
3. An original and six copies of tariff pages reflecting Liberty Utilities' request for an increase in permanent rates, included in a separate volume and labeled as Attachment HMT-1 (clean copy) and HMT-2 (redlined copy);
4. An original and six copies of tariff pages reflecting Liberty Utilities' request for an increase in temporary rates, included as Attachment SEM/HSG-TEMP-4 (clean copy) and Attachment SEM/HSG-TEMP-5 (redlined copy) to the temporary rates testimony of Steven E. Mullen and Howard S. Gorman;
5. An original and six copies of a Report of Proposed Rate Changes pursuant to Puc 1604.02(a)(2);
6. An original and six copies of the form of notice to customers pursuant to Puc 1203.02(c);
7. An original and six copies of a Motion for Waiver of Puc 1203.02(d), Customer Notice; and
8. An original and six copies of a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment Regarding Compensation Information.

I am also enclosing a separate envelope containing five copies of confidential compensation information required to be filed pursuant to NH Code of Admin. Rules Puc 1604.01(a)(14). This

information is simultaneously being filed in redacted form with the rest of the Company's Puc 1604 filing requirements.

In this filing, the Company is requesting changes to the Company's permanent rates that are intended to yield an increase of \$5,328,583 in annual operating revenues to be effective July 1, 2016. To provide for time to review the Company's request, the Company is also requesting a temporary increase in distribution rates of \$3,180,666 to be effective July 1, 2016. Finally, the Company is requesting a step increase of \$2,420,717 to begin recovering for capital projects completed through December 31, 2016. The step increase will be effective at the conclusion of the permanent rate case, but no earlier than January 1, 2017.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Sheehan", with a stylized, flowing script.

Michael J. Sheehan

Enclosures

cc: Service list