

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Distribution Service Rate Case

Docket No. DE 16-383

Technical Statement of Heather M. Tebbetts

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A. Purpose of Technical Statement

On April 29, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. (“Liberty” or “the Company”) filed testimony and schedules requesting changes to the Company’s permanent rates. In that filing, Liberty provided Tariff NHPUC No. 20. During the course of discovery in this docket, several changes or modifications to the tariff were identified that either are no longer applicable or required revision. This technical statement addresses those changes and provides both redlined and clean versions of the tariff.

B. Description of Revisions to Tariff No. 20

1. Original Page 6 – Definition of Specifications for Electrical Installations booklet – Reference Staff 6-54

The definition is updated to include a link to the Company’s website where the booklet is found.

2. Original Page 9 – Section 8 Refusal to Serve – Reference Staff 6-50

The second paragraph of this section is redundant and has been removed. The line extension policies address this issue with regard to excessive cost.

3. Original Page 10 – Section 11 Fluctuating Load Policy – Reference Staff 6-52

Language was added to address “other guarantees” as a minimum amount a customer would be required to pay in lieu of, or in addition to an up-front payment and included in a special contract filed with the Commission.

4. Original Page 11 – Section 13 Rate for Trial Installations – Reference Staff 6-53

Language was added to clarify that rates for trial installations will be determined on a case-by-case basis and included in a special contract filed with the Commission. The reference to spare generating and transmission capacity was replaced with a reference to distribution system capacity.

5. Original Page 11 – Section 15 Customer’s Responsibility for Installation of Equipment on Its Premises – Reference Staff 6-54

The Company has included a link to its website for further information on the customer’s responsibility of installation of equipment on its premises.

6. Original Page 12 – Revenue Guarantee – Reference Staff 6-55

The line extension policy supersedes this legacy provision; therefore, the provision has been removed from the tariff.

7. Original Page 15 – Relocation of Company-Owned Equipment – Reference Staff 6-61

The Company has included reference to Line Extension Policy 3 – Individual C&I Customers to provide direction for the calculation of the customer's expense associated with relocation.

8. Original Page 16 – Customer Street Crossings – Reference Staff 6-62

The Company updated the language to include reference to the National Electric Safety Code, applicable rules and regulations of local government and removed reference to attachments to Company-owned equipment.

9. Original Page 18 – Charges for Temporary Services

The Company has removed paragraph two because it is redundant.

10. Original Page 21 – Late Payment Charge – Reference Staff 6-67

The late payment charge does not apply to residential customers. The Company has revised paragraph three to remove the reference to residential rate classes.

11. Original Page 49 – Line Extensions – Policy 1: Individual Residential Customers – Reference Staff 6-70

The Company has removed reference to seasonal service as it does not offer seasonal service to customers.

12. Original Page 60 – Line Extensions – Policy 3: Individual C&I Customers – Reference Staff 6-77

The Company has removed the reference to constructing lines in segments because the policy only applies to individual customers and the reference was intended for developments.

13. Original Page 61 – Line Extensions – Policy 3: Individual C&I Customers – Reference Staff 6-78

The Company has removed the word “subdivision” and replaced it with “site” as the policy only applies to individual customers, not developers.

14. Original Page 65 – Line Extensions – Policy 4: C&I Developments – Reference Staff 6-83

The language in the section has been revised to make it more clear.

15. Original Page 70 – Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers – Reference Staff 6-87

The Company has corrected a reference to an incorrect section.

16. Original Page 70 – Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers – Reference Staff 6-88

The Company has corrected the reference to include a reference to requirements by a competitive supplier. The Company has also revised the word “licensed”

with “registered” as competitive suppliers are registered with the Commission.

17. Original Page 71 – Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers – Reference Staff 6-89

The Company has corrected a reference to an incorrect section.

18. Original Page 73 – Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers – Reference Staff 6-90

The customer or the competitive supplier may request a metering or communication device outside of the current metering or communication devices used at the time of the request. The Company has replaced the phrase “new meter” with “metering device” to avoid any confusion as to whether the customer will only receive the metering device at a time other than the Company’s replacement of the device.

19. Original Page 86 – Rate G-1

Since the time of the tariff filing in DE 16-383, the Company received approval for additional language to exclude the sale of electric vehicle charging services to a third party from an electric vehicle charging station as resale of electricity in Docket No. DE 15-489. This revision is including the language in Tariff No. 20.

20. Original Page 87 – Rate G-1 – Reference Staff 6-93

After further review of the Optional Determination of Demand provision in the tariff, the Company has decided to keep the provision of two consecutive months, rather than change it to twelve consecutive months in which a customer may receive service under this provision, due to the number of customers with seasonal demand that may take this rate.

21. Original Page 89 – Rate G-2

Since the time of the tariff filing in DE 16-383, the Company received approval for additional language to exclude the sale of electric vehicle charging services to a third party from an electric vehicle charging station as resale of electricity in Docket No. DE 15-489. This revision is including the language in Tariff No. 20.

22. Original Page 90 – Rate G-2 – Reference Staff 6-93

After further review of the Optional Determination of Demand provision in the tariff, the Company has decided to keep the provision of two consecutive months, rather than change it to twelve consecutive months in which a customer may receive service under this provision, due to the number of customers with seasonal demand that may take this rate.

23. Original Page 92 – Rate G-3 – Reference Staff 6-93

Since the time of the tariff filing in DE 16-383, the Company received approval for additional language to exclude the sale of electric vehicle charging services to a third party from an electric vehicle charging station as resale of electricity in Docket No. DE 15-489. This revision is including the language in Tariff No. 20.

24. Original Page 97 – Rate M – Reference Staff 6-95

Legacy language from National Grid’s tariff that referred to annual rates was removed and replaced with a reference to monthly rates noted in the tariff.

25. Original Page 99 – Rate M – Reference Staff 6-96

The Company has included the word “public” in its reference to the cost of undepreciated light fixture conversions.

26. Original Page 103 – Rate V

The Company has removed the reference to seasonal customers as the Company does not offer seasonal service.