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***By 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: Docket No. DE 13-018; Granite State Electric Company Default Service Rates for the Period May 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013 for the Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group and for the Period May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 for the Residential and Small Commercial Customer Group**

Dear Ms. Howland:

I enclose for filing one redacted and seven confidential copies of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities' proposed Default Service rates for the Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group for the three-month period May 1, 2013 through July 31, 2013 Group and for the six-month period May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013 for the Residential and Small Commercial Customer Group. This filing includes the pre-filed direct testimony of John D. Warshaw and accompanying schedules.

I also enclose an original and six copies of its Default Service Loss Factor Investigation Update as of March 14, 2013.

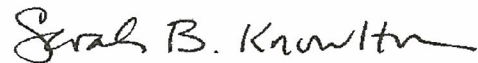
Certain schedules included in the default service filing contain confidential information, specifically, the Company's transaction confirmation with the winning supplier, bid evaluation and summary, REC pricing, and retail meter commodity cost calculations. The Company requests confidential treatment of these materials pursuant to Puc 201.04(a)(5), 201.06(a)(30) and 201.07, which collectively afford confidential treatment of such materials in routine Default Service filings. With respect to the wholesale power purchase prices included in this filing, the Company requests confidential treatment only until such time those prices are required to be made public by FERC.

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The Company believes the proposed Default Service rates are consistent with RSA 374-F:3,V(c) and Commission precedent and are in the public interest as reflective of “competitive market” prices. *See* NH RSA 374-F:3,V(c). Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed rates to become effective for service on and after May 1, 2013.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah B. Knowlton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Sarah B. Knowlton

Enclosures  
cc: Service list