

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

**DE 13-018**

**GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES**

**Petition for Approval of Revision to Default  
Service Solicitation Process**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE**

On August 26, 2013, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Granite State or Company) filed a petition for approval of revisions to the process it uses to procure default service power supply for its large commercial customers (Large Customer Group) and its residential and small commercial customers (Small Customer Group). In support of its petition, Granite State filed a technical statement prepared by John D. Warshaw, Manager of Electricity Supply for Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp. (Liberty NH).

Granite State currently solicits default service pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 (December 19, 2008). Pursuant to the settlement agreement, Granite State solicits power supply for its Large Customer Group on a quarterly basis and for its Small Customer Group every six months. The Company stated that the procurement process was developed by National Grid, the prior parent company of Granite State, and although the process worked well for National Grid, the solicitation schedule results in inefficiencies when applied to Liberty's single state solicitation process. Accordingly, Granite State seeks to change the process to reduce the number of solicitations from four per year to two per year. Granite State

said that the change will allow Granite State to focus on other customer concerns rather than the preparation and execution of four default service filings per year.

Granite State proposes to increase the procurement period for the Large Customer Group from three months to six months at the same time it solicits power for the Small Customer Group. Granite State testified that it reached out to its past default service suppliers who expressed no concern about the proposed schedule, but did express concern that increasing the solicitation period from three months to six months could result in additional migration risk for a supplier that could, in turn, be reflected in the bid price. Because the Large Customer Group customers have the greatest opportunity to benefit from purchasing energy supply from the competitive market place, any cost increase can be offset by exploring alternatives to Granite State's default service supply. Consequently, Granite State proposes to divide each biannual solicitation for default service supply for the Large Customer Group into two three-month supply periods rather than a single six-month period to allow suppliers that are reluctant to take on additional migration risk to bid only on the current three-month period and not the later three-month period. Granite State proposed to change the procurement process for effect with the solicitation scheduled to be issued February 2014 for the default service period beginning May 1, 2014.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether the proposed changes to Granite State's procurement processes for default service are consistent with the restructuring principles of RSA 374-F:3 and are in the public interest; and whether the proposal is consistent with the development of the competitive market. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that a Hearing, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 30, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Granite State shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 9, 2013, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 25, 2013; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Granite State and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 25, 2013, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 30, 2013.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this second day of  
October, 2013.

  
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Lynn H. Fabrizio  
Assistant Executive Director

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
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