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July 16, 2013

Via Electronic and US Mail

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

**Re: DE 13-____; Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission on behalf of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“Liberty” or “Company”) are seven copies of direct testimony of Kurt Demmer, ChristiAne Mason, and James Riordan along with supporting schedules and proposed tariff pages in support of a request by Liberty to adjust its Storm Recovery Adjustment (“SRA”) Factor pursuant to Order No. 25,531 approving temporary rates in Docket DE 13-063.

As is explained in the enclosed testimony, the Company’s Storm Fund is currently in a substantial deficit position because of the size and frequency of recent major storm events. Accordingly, the Company’s filing proposes to increase the SRA Factor from its current level of 0.00223 per kWh to 0.00388 per kWh, effective November 1, 2013. The proposed increase is intended to recover sufficient revenues to eliminate the anticipated Storm Fund deficit in approximately seventeen (17) months.

Please note that the Company has also proposed an adjustment to the SRA Factor as part of the permanent rate phase of DE 13-063, and therefore, makes this current request without prejudice to its recommendations for permanent changes to the SRA Factor during the remaining course of DE 13-063.

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "ChristiAne G. Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ChristiAne G. Mason

Enclosures
cc: Office of Consumer Advocate