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December 6, 2016

Re: DE 16-249, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities Petition for Approval of Default Service Solicitation and Proposed Tariff Scheduling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On January 1, 2006, the Commission issued Order No. 24,577 which, among other things, approved the process whereby Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric Corp.) d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) solicits power for customers in its Large Customer Group, and Small Customer Group, who have not elected to receive electricity service from a competitive supplier. The Commission has modified the process approved by Order No. 24,577 in subsequent orders, most recently in Order No. 25,806 (Sept. 2, 2015).

On August 30, 2016, Liberty filed a letter notifying the Commission of its next default service filing for the six-month period February 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017, for both the Large Customer Group and the Small Customer Group.

Pursuant to the letter, Liberty issued a request for proposals (RFP) on November 1, 2016 and received indicative bids on November 30, 2016, for default service supply for the sixmonth period beginning February 1, 2017. According to the schedule, Liberty receives final bids on December 7, 2016 and will file the petition for approval of default service solicitation and proposed tariff on December 12, 2016. Liberty states that an Order on its petition is required by December 19, 2016.

The Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at which time the Commission will hear the testimony of Liberty Utilities. This is consistent with Order No. 24,577 which states that Liberty will file the purchase power agreement and accompanying rates for the Commission to review pursuant to RSA 363:17-a.

Sincerely, ncerely,

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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