



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

DE 16-383
Distribution Service Rate Case

Staff Data Requests - Set 13

Date Request Received: 3/20/19
Request No. Staff 13-5

Date of Response: 4/3/19
Respondent: Heather Tebbetts
Anthony Strabone

REQUEST:

Reference Exhibit 26 (filed May 24, 2018) at Bates 3, Project #8830-1714510, which indicates that cost were incurred over a four-year period (2014-2017).

- a. Please indicate why costs were incurred over a four-year period for this project. Please describe in detail whether such a time frame is typical for a getaway cable project and if not, why this project was spread over four years.

RESPONSE:

- a. The timeframe of four years is not typical of a getaway project, but in this instance it was tied to the schedule for the substation project as follows. In year 1, the Company performed preliminary engineering; in year 2 the Company performed detailed engineering; in year 3 approximately 50% of the project was completed; and in year 4 the remaining 50% of construction was completed and the project was placed in service. The substation project also followed a four-year timeframe from planning through the in-service date and, as mentioned, the getaway cable project coincided with the substation project.