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Via ERF and US Mail

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



Re: DE 16-777 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Monthly EAP Reconciliation Report – February 2017

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing, please find Liberty Utilities' Monthly EAP Reconciliation Report. Please note this report has been filed via the Commission's Electronic Report Filing system.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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# Electric Assistance Program System Benefits Charge Reconciliation Report February-17

#### **Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric)**

| Retail Delivery KWHs  |              |    | 68,567,500              |
|---|--------------|----|-------------------------|
| SBC Low Income EAP Rate   |              | \$ | 0.0015                  |
| SBC Low Income EAP Billed Amount  |              | :  | \$102,851.25            |
| Interest on 10% Reserve Fund Balance (1) SBC Low Income EAP Funding   |              |    | \$30.10<br>\$102,881.35 |
| EAP Costs  Discounts Applied to Customers <sup>(1)</sup> Bills  Payments to Community Action Agencies <sup>(2)</sup> Incremental Program Expenditures <sup>(3)</sup> Pre-program Arrears Recovery | \$ 34,506.13 |    |                         |
| Total EAP Costs   |              |    | 34,506.13               |
| SBC Low Income EAP Balance  |              | \$ | 68,375.22               |
|   |              |    |                         |
| Total amount due to State of New Hampshire T  | reasury      | \$ | 68,375.22               |
| Program to Date Reserve Balance Interest on reserve at 0.0103456 (1) Interest rate / 365 (x) # of days in month (x)   | x) Reserve   |    | \$37,923.49             |

- (1) Pursuant to Order No. 24,329 in Docket DE 03-195 State-wide Low Income Electric Assistance Program approving the Settlement Agreement, Liberty Utilities is paying interest on the reserve balance of \$37,923.49. The interest rate is based on the three month London Interbank Offer Rates (LIBOR) on the first business day of the month.
- (2) The Community Action Agency payment for February was not paid in February. The payment was made in March and will be reflected on the March 2017 EAP Report.

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# Number of Active EAP Participants by Discount Tier Levels and Amounts February-17

|        | Number of                  |                       | % per Tier Participants |                        |           | % per Tier Discount       |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|
|        | <b>Active Participants</b> | <b>Discount Tier*</b> | To Total Participants   | <b>Discount Amount</b> |           | <b>To Total Discounts</b> |
|        | 0                          | 1                     | 0.0%                    | \$                     | -         | 0.0%                      |
|        | 338                        | 2                     | 26.6%                   |                        | 1,855.36  | 5.4%                      |
|        | 241                        | 3                     | 19.0%                   |                        | 4,119.09  | 11.9%                     |
|        | 234                        | 4                     | 18.4%                   |                        | 6,298.62  | 18.3%                     |
|        | 235                        | 5                     | 18.5%                   |                        | 8,891.00  | 25.8%                     |
|        | <u>221</u>                 | 6                     | <u>17.4%</u>            |                        | 13,342.06 | <u>38.7%</u>              |
| TOTAL* | 1,269                      |                       | 100.0%                  | \$                     | 34,506.13 | 100.0%                    |

## \*Discount Levels for Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric):

|             |                 | % of Federal Poverty |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <u>Tier</u> | <b>Discount</b> | <u>Guidelines</u>    |
|             |                 |                      |
| 2           | 9%              | 151% to 200%         |
| 3           | 23%             | 126% to 150%         |
| 4           | 37%             | 101% to 125%         |
| 5           | 53%             | 76% to 100%          |
| 6           | 77%             | Up to 75%            |
|             |                 |                      |

<sup>\*</sup>The total may not sum because some customers moved tiers during the month.

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## **Non-EAP Customers**

|   | Percentage of Customers                                 |    | <u>Balance</u>  |
|---|---|----|---|
| Current Balance 1st Arrears 2nd Arrears 3rd Arrears 4th Arrears Total Arrears | 91.6%<br>3.1%<br>1.3%<br>0.9%<br>3.1%<br>100.0%         | \$ | 3,705,593.14<br>217,492.61<br>109,925.61<br>84,859.82<br>907,768.92<br>5,025,640.10 |
| Customer Count  | EAP Customers   | Ţ  | 31,180  |
| Current Balance 1st Arrears 2nd Arrears 3rd Arrears 4th Arrears Total Arrears | 68.0%<br>7.0%<br>3.8%<br>3.4%<br><u>17.8%</u><br>100.0% | \$ | 207,540.89<br>43,117.16<br>25,158.47<br>22,879.25<br>458,736.60<br>757,432.37       |
| Customer Count  |   |    | 1,724   |

<sup>[1]</sup> Arrears data is as of February 28, 2017

<sup>[2]</sup> EAP Customer data includes customers formerly on EAP with balances and customers currently on EAP