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January 9, 2018

Re: DE 17-189, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition to Approve Battery Storage Pilot Program
Adopting Procedural Schedule for Proceeding

To the Parties:

On January 4, 2018, the Commission held a duly-noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered on the record by Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. Representatives of prospective intervenors City of Lebanon, New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association, Conservation Law Foundation, Revision Energy, Inc., Sunrun, Inc., and Acadia Center appeared by teleconference connection.

There were no objections to the petitions to intervene of those prospective intervenors, and the Commission has granted those petitions to intervene, notwithstanding the fact that certain of the petitions may be deemed to have been filed late.

The Commission also granted the motion for confidential treatment filed by Liberty Utilities, with a directive that Liberty attempt to reduce the scope of information designated as confidential in Appendix 1 to the Direct Testimony of Heather M. Tebbetts.

On January 5, 2018, Commission Staff filed a letter recommending that the Commission adopt an agreed-upon procedural schedule for the proceeding. The Commission has reviewed and approved the recommended procedural schedule for this docket.

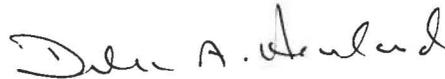
Accordingly, the following procedural schedule is adopted for this proceeding:

Liberty Filing of Supplemental Testimony (following battery selection and cost estimation)	February 9, 2018
Data Requests to Liberty	February 16, 2018
Liberty's Responses to Data Requests	March 9, 2018
Technical Session on Discovery	March 14, 2018 at 10:00am
Responses to follow-up discovery questions	March 21, 2018
Staff and Intervenors Direct Testimony	April 12, 2018
Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors	April 20, 2018
Staff and Intervenors Responses to Data Requests	May 2, 2018
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	May 8, 2018 at 10:00am

Responses to any follow-up discovery questions	May 14, 2018
Liberty Filing of Rebuttal Testimony (if applicable)	May 14, 2018
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	May 16, 2018 at 10:00am
Filing of Settlement Agreement (if applicable)	May 21, 2018
Hearing Dates (second day, if necessary)	May 29 (and 30), 2018 at 10:00am

For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its initial prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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