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Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DG 19-064; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; Request to Change Hearing Dates

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 30, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a petition to implement new permanent rates, to set temporary rates, and to amend various tariffs, all for effect July 1, 2019. The Commission issued a letter dated June 6, 2019, establishing a procedural schedule in this docket, which called for settlement conferences to be held February 4 and 5, 2020, and for hearings to be held March 3, 5, 10, 11, and 12, 2020.

In accordance with that schedule, Staff, Liberty, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), the City of Lebanon (Lebanon), Clean Energy NH (CENH) and the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) (collectively "the parties") met in a settlement conference on February 4 and have met several times since then and have exchanged settlement documents. The parties continue to pursue settlement, but cannot do that and simultaneously prepare for hearings starting March 3.

Accordingly, in order to allow the settlement negotiations to continue, Staff requests that the Commission change the current procedural schedule by cancelling the hearings scheduled for March 3 and 5, and by adding hearings on March 26, 27 and 31, 2020.

Liberty, OCA and the City of Lebanon concur with this request. Staff has not heard from CENH and NHDES concerning this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul B. Dexter / sng".

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