

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-064

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

Second Step Increase

ORDER OF NOTICE

In Order No. 26,376 (June 30, 2020), the Commission approved a settlement agreement, which permitted Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) to request three step increases in distribution rates for capital additions placed in service as of December 31, 2019, December 31, 2020, and December 31, 2021. The step increases would take effect July 1, 2020, July 1, 2021, and July 1, 2022. The settlement agreement contains a request that the Commission hold a hearing prior to the July 1 effective date of each step increase to review and approve the proposed step increase.

On April 6, 2021, Liberty filed a request for the second step increase, for effect July 1, 2021. Liberty also filed a request on May 14, 2021 to change its Rate M tariff to address the failure of non-LED lighting fixtures. Liberty's filings and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-064.html>.

The filings raise, inter alia, issues related to whether the step increase is likely to result in just and reasonable rates, as required by RSA 374:2, and RSA 378:5 and :7; whether the proposed rates will yield a just and reasonable rate of return on the prudent cost of Liberty's capital additions that are used and useful in the provision of utility service to the public; and

whether the proposed changes to Liberty's Rate M tariff will result in safe and adequate service at just and reasonable rates, as required by RSA 374:1 and :2. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote hearing on June 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing may do so by [clicking here](#). **If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible;** and it is

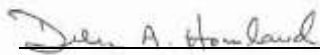
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 21, 2021. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 21, 2021, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in->

[Filing-Requirements.pdf](#), any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before June 24, 2021.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighth day of June, 2021.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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