

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Before the
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 19-197

ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS UTILITIES

Development of a Statewide, Multi-Use Online Energy Data Platform

MOTION TO SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL PREHEARING CONFERENCE

PRESENTATION

Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.07 and 203.15, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc. (UES); Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty; and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern); the Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”); Clean Energy New Hampshire (“CENH”); the City of Lebanon; and Mission:data Coalition (collectively “the Parties”), parties to Docket No. DE 19-197, respectfully request that the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) schedule a hybrid prehearing conference to present to the Commission a live demonstration of the customer experience associated with granting an online data-sharing authorization, consistent with the Commission directive in Order No. 26,644 (the “Order”). In support of this motion the Parties state the following:

1. On June 24, 2022 the Commission issued the Order, clarifying a number of deliverables and action items pertaining to the development and design of the Statewide Online Data Platform (“Platform”) to be accomplished by the Parties in conjunction with the Department of Energy (“DOE”) and governance council before the status conference that is to be held prior to December 31, 2022. As one of those items ,the Commission “ask[ed] that the parties provide a

working model at the Status Conference that demonstrates navigation” of the customer interface of the API, to better understand customer and third-party user experience with the data platform. (Order at 7).

2. The Parties have met several times with the DOE and governance council to discuss, plan and initiate the best approach for completing the assigned tasks in the Order in time for the status conference that is to occur before the end of the year. The working model demonstration of the API was identified by all in attendance at these meetings as a prerequisite that must be complete prior to developing other items such as the back-end utility integration Requests for Proposals (“RFPs”) and the Platform RFP. Because feedback from the Commission regarding a working model of the Platform interface is seen by the Parties as a necessary precondition to development of the various RFPs, the Parties believe that an additional prehearing conference is warranted.

4. Upon a motion by any party to a docket the presiding officer may, under Puc 203.15, schedule a prehearing conference “[i]n order to facilitate proceedings” and such a prehearing conference can include “[a]ny . . . matters which aid in the disposition of the proceeding.” To continue with other action items listed in the Order, a prehearing conference would provide a venue in which the Commission may provide such information and direction, and engage in discussion with the Parties as needed so the Parties may ascertain how to effectively proceed with the remaining tasks, consistent with the Order, and would therefore aid in the disposition of the proceeding.

5. The Parties would present a live model on a web browser, via the Commission’s online meeting interface Webex, so that the Commission can see exactly what a customer experiences. The presentation will cover several scenarios with this live model, including the start to finish

experience of a customer granting a data-sharing authorization, as well as a third party's experience in registering with a utility to become an eligible recipient of customer data.

6. To meet the Commission's requirement that the Parties demonstrate a "working model" with "navigation," the Parties request that a hybrid format be granted for this prehearing conference, as that will enable the technology needed to effectively deliver this presentation. Further, the presenter on behalf of the Parties, Michael Murray of Mission:data Coalition, is located on the West Coast, and the consultant for CENH is likewise out of state, so the requirement to attend in person would create a hardship. Parties reasonably able to travel to the Commission would attend in person.

7. For the reasons stated above, the Parties assert that this prehearing conference with Commission feedback is a necessary step to stay on track for the year's end status conference, and will enable the Parties to be better informed as to how to proceed with the additional action items enumerated by the Commission in the Order, which will aid in the disposition in this matter. To ensure continued progress on the Order's action items, the Parties respectfully suggest the prehearing conference be scheduled sometime between September 26 and October 14, 2022.

WHEREFORE, the PARTIES respectfully request that the Commission:

- (1) Schedule a prehearing conference sometime between September 26 and October 14, 2022 as proposed in this motion; and
- (2) Order such further relief as may be just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty; and Northern Utilities, Inc.; Office of the Consumer Advocate; Clean Energy New Hampshire; City of Lebanon; and Mission:data Coalition


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on the date written below, I caused the attached to be served pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.11.

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