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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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DE 21-004, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a/ Liberty; 2021 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan; Department of Energy Late-Filed Request for Remote Witness Participation

Dear Chairman Goldner:

By Procedural Order dated January 5, 2023 in this docket, hearings are scheduled for March 14 and 15, 2023. The hearing guidelines dated June 13, 2022 require written requests for remote participation be filed not later than 15 days prior to the scheduled hearings.

The Department of Energy hereby requests that two of its witnesses (from River Consulting Group, Inc.) be permitted to testify remotely. Mr. Ronald D. Willoughby is based in Apex, North Carolina, and Joseph J. DeVirgilio, Jr. is based in North Venice Florida. Both witnesses would spend significant time and incur travel expenses to appear in person, which would be avoided through remote participation.

Regrettably, through inadvertence of counsel, this request is made seven days before the scheduled hearings and thus is not in conformance with the June 13, 2022 hearing guidelines which require 15 days notice. The Department respectfully requests leniency in this request so that the time and travel cost savings referenced above can be realized, despite the request coming later than required.

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate have represented to counsel that they do not object to this request.

Consistent with current Commission practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Sincerely,

/s/ *Paul B. Dexter*

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