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To Whom It May Concern: with respect to Docket DE 22-009 - Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp., d/b/a Liberty and Woodsville Water and Light Department; Joint Petition to Alter Franchise Areas in the Town of Bath. Please see this petition to communicate our request for expedited review and approval of Liberty's petition in alignment with our earlier correspondence posted on March 6th. As we are the prospective customer in continuing contact with Liberty tracking progress of this request to permit them to extend service to us, we believe as a petitioner we have "rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests" directly affected by the ruling outcome.

We are continuing the construction process with our builder despite added difficulties and expenses related to the necessity of bringing power to the site to facilitate new home construction. It is very unsettling to not know if electricity access will truly eventually be available to us once the home is completed. As noted earlier, we were from out-of-state, and we purchased this parcel in March 2020 with the intent to build a home onsite. It was not until last fall we learned to our great surprise this geographic location was not covered by any electrical utility.

Respectfully, in support of this petition and request to expedite review and approval of Liberty's petition to be permitted to provide service via a small extension of their territory, is it possible to consider and resolve this sooner without a hearing and/or prehearing conference? If approval can be granted, this would permit us to proceed with Liberty before expenses for service initiation to be incurred by us are subject to further increases driven by the severe inflationary economic environment.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our comments. Thank you again in advance for consideration of this petition and request to expedite review and approval.

Very truly yours,

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