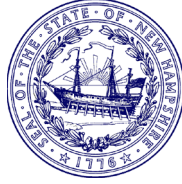


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May 18, 2022

Re: 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 (Petition)
Commission Response to Comments of Stephen and Mary Ann Rood

To the parties:

The Commission received the above-captioned Petition on February 28, 2022 and issued a notice of adjudicative proceeding in this matter on April 28, 2022. The Commission's notice established a deadline of June 1, 2022 for interventions and a deadline of June 7, 2022 for the Department of Energy to file its analysis of the Petition. The prospective utility customers and owners of the parcel of land that is the subject of this Petition, Stephen and Mary Ann Rood (the Roods), submitted comments on this matter on March 6 and May 17, 2022. In their May 17 comments, the Roods requested expedited review of this matter.

As noted in the Petition at page 3, RSA 374:26 authorizes the Commission to grant permission for certain extensions of utility service without hearing when all interested parties are in agreement. Although the Petition notes that the joint petitioners and the Roods are in agreement, the position of the Department of Energy (an automatic party to this matter pursuant to RSA 12-P:9) is still unknown to the Commission, and the deadline for interventions has not yet passed.

Therefore, the Commission acknowledges the Roods' comments and will assess whether its statutory authority to grant certain permissions pursuant to RSA 374:26 without hearing is appropriate after the deadline for interventions has passed and the position of the Department of Energy is known. Nothing precludes the Department of Energy from filing its analysis or reaching out to the parties prior to June 7, 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DANIEL C. GOLDNER".

Daniel C. Goldner
Presiding Officer
Chairman

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