STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 22-024

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

2022 Default Service Solicitation

Procedural Order Re: Request for Hearing

By letter dated February 23, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) notified the Commission that it intended to file a request on February 24, 2023 for approval of a lower default service rate for its Large Customer Group for March and April 2023, to be effective March 1, 2023. Liberty represented that, due to changes in the market, its current default service rate would result in an overcollection and that its proposed new rate would reflect the new market conditions. In its letter, Liberty requested that the Commission schedule a hearing the week of February 27, 2023 to address Liberty's proposed lower default service rate. Liberty did not indicate whether any other party had assented to this request, and no other party has responded to Liberty's letter.

Given the nature of Liberty's request, and the limited time before the proposed March 1, 2023 effective date for the lower default service rates, the Commission waives the 10-day objection period under New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e). *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05. The Commission grants Liberty's request for a hearing, and schedules a hearing on this matter for <u>February 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.</u> The hearing shall be conducted in person, in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on April 21, 2022. DE 22-024 02/24/23 Page 2

So ordered, this twenty-fourth day of February, 2023.

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