

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BEFORE THE  
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.  
d/b/a Liberty

Request for Step Increase

Docket No. DE 22-035

Technical Statement of Heather M. Tebbetts

July 8, 2022

**A. Purpose of Technical Statement**

On April 6, 2022, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. (“Liberty” or “the Company”) filed for its third step increase as approved in Docket No. DE 19-064. The rate change requested was to be effective July 1, 2022.

On June 2, 2022, the Company received the Commission’s Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing scheduling a hearing on July 19, 2022, and requesting illustrative tariff pages and step adjustment schedules incorporating an effective date of August 1, 2022.

The purpose of this technical statement is to explain the method for calculating rates and present illustrative tariff pages effective August 1, 2022.

**B. Method for Calculating August 1, 2022**

The Company’s proposal on April 6, 2022, calculated an overall rate decrease because the revenue requirement associated with the 2021 in service projects of \$1,751,403 is less than the reduction to rates for effect on July 1, 2022, the date of the end of collections for recoupment of \$1,939,679 and rate case expenses of \$565,077. The total revenue requirement summed to (\$753,353), or an overall rate decrease of 1.56%.

To calculate rates for effect on August 1, 2022, the Company used the same calculation of the revenue requirement of (\$753,353) applied over eleven months of kWh instead of the original twelve months in the April 6, 2022, filing. Attachment HMT-1, page 2, lines 5 through 7 provide the adjustment for recoupment and rate case expenses to be collected in July 2022 of approximately \$208,730, or one-twelfth of the annual collection. The refund increases the amount to be subtracted from the currently effective revenue requirement of \$48,394,903 from (\$753,353) to (\$962,083), as shown on line 8.

The total revenue requirement request for rates effective August 1, 2022, is now \$47,432,820 as shown on line 11, or an overall reduction of 1.99%.

### C. Bill Impacts

The Company has calculated two bill impacts for residential customers using an average of 650 kWh per month. As shown on Attachment HMT-1, Page 5, for a residential customer taking Energy Service and using 650 kWh per month, the total bill impact of the proposed rate in this filing, as compared to rates effective *today*, is a bill decrease of \$1.59 per month, or 1.03% percent, from \$154.38 to \$152.79.

The Company has also calculated the bill impact to an average residential customer using 650 kWh per month taking Energy Service aligned with Energy Service rates effective August 1, 2022, as shown on Attachment HMT-1, Page 6. The combination of the distribution rate decrease requested in this docket, along with the rate increase on August 1, 2022, for Energy Service rates approved in Docket No. DE 22-024 is a bill increase of \$71.03, or 46.13%.