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

DE 22-060
Consideration of Changes to the Current Net Metering Tariff Structure, Including Compensation

of Customer-Generators

Department of Energy Data Requests - Set 4

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Request No: DOE 4-7 | Respondent: Dilip Kommineni

REQUEST:

Reference Joint Utilities' rebuttal testimony, Bates p. 46-51, Attachment C, Item 1 regarding the application fee, total administrative costs, and underlying data.

a. For each utility, please provide the number of net metering applications that the utility has received for each of the generating capacities (AC) listed for 2018 - 2023.
b. For each utility, please provide an estimate of net metering applications for each generating capacity for 2024 and 2025 and the year for which the projected costs were provided.
c. Please provide a detailed explanation of how the estimate was calculated for 2024 and 2025 and the projected cost year and the basis for such estimates.
d. For each utility, please provide the total administrative costs for 2018-2023 and the projected administrative costs for 2024 and 2025.

RESPONSE:

a. The table below represents the number of net metering applications that Liberty has received for each of the generating capacities (AC) listed for 2018 – 2023.

Generating Capacity (AC)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
(0-30kW)	48	135	107	115	314	613
(30-100 kW)	10	11	5	7	5	5
Standard (<100 kW)	7	6	6	2	8	10
Total	65	152	118	124	327	628

b. The table below represents an estimate of net metering applications for each generating capacity for 2024 and 2025. The year for which the projected costs provided on line 10 of Bates p. 51 is 2024.

Generating Capacity (AC)	**2024**	**2025**
(0-30kW)	1226	2452
(30-100 kW)	5	5
Standard (<100 kW)	10	10
Total	1241	2467

c. The estimate was derived from historical trends. For instance, for generator capacities ranging from 0-30 kW, applications have approximately doubled each year since 2021. Therefore, we anticipate this trend to persist, doubling again in 2024 and 2025. Similarly, for other generator capacities, the trend has remained relatively stable, showing neither significant increases nor decreases. Thus, we expect this pattern to continue unchanged in 2024 and 2025.

d. The table below represents the total administrative costs for 2018-2023 and the projected administrative costs for 2024 and 2025.

	2018	**2019**	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023**	**2024**	**2025**
Total administrative costs ($)	103,570	120,150	59,534	62,926	118,005	118,005	236,010	236,010