

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-006

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

Request for Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor Refund

**Procedural Order Re: Request for Extension of Tariff Filing Deadline
and Clarification on Compliance Tariff Filings**

On February 23, 2023, in Order No. 26,777, the Commission approved Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty's (Liberty) proposed change in rates and ordered Liberty to file annotated tariff pages reflecting these rate changes no later than twenty days from the date the order issued, which would have been March 15, 2023. On March 15, 2023, Liberty filed a letter with the Commission requesting an extension of this deadline to April 14, 2023 and clarification on how it should file the redlined versions of revised pages in compliance filings. As of today, the other parties to this docket have not responded to Liberty's letter.

The Commission first addresses Liberty's request for an extension of the deadline for the compliance filing. Liberty argues that this extension is appropriate because the Commission is currently reviewing earlier compliance filings for changes approved by Commission orders in other dockets. Liberty contends that pushing the filing deadline in this docket back to April 14, 2023 will allow the Commission time to review and approve all pending compliance tariff pages, which will provide Liberty a clean basis for filing revised tariff pages going forward.

The Commission finds this request reasonable. It will simplify both Liberty's tariff compliance efforts and the Commission's compliance review process if the Commission first approves the pending compliance filings before Liberty submits new filings. This is

particularly true because Liberty's compliance filings often include changes in rates on the same tariff pages as earlier filings. Accordingly, the Commission GRANTS Liberty's request to extend the compliance filing deadline required by Order No. 26,777 to April 14, 2023. In making this ruling, the Commission waives the ten-day objection period in Puc 203.07(e). The Commission finds this waiver appropriate, given the need to resolve this request quickly as Liberty's deadline for filing annotated tariff pages has already passed.

The Commission next addresses Liberty's request for clarity on how it should prepare the redlined versions of revised pages in compliance filings. Liberty maintains that this clarification is necessary because the Commission's rules are silent on filing redlined versions of revised pages in compliance filings and the requirement to do so comes from Commission orders. Liberty maintains that the redlined versions of revised pages in compliance filings should compare the rates and other provisions in the new compliance tariff page with the rates and other provisions arising from the most recent Commission order. Liberty contends that it is neither helpful nor required by Commission rules for the redline of a compliance tariff page to show changes from the proposed tariff filed at the outset of a docket or from another earlier event, because intervening dockets and orders often render the earlier language obsolete. Liberty contends that showing changes to the rates and provisions in effect at the time of the compliance filing is the best way to inform the reader of the effects to the tariff approved by the underlying order.

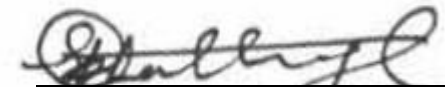
The Commission agrees that, generally, a revised page in a compliance filing should be a revision to the currently effective tariff page, i.e., the last compliance tariff page approved by the Commission. Likewise, the redline of the revised page in the compliance filing should reflect changes to the currently effective tariff page. This will facilitate the Commission's review by highlighting what changes are being made to the tariff page and

ensure that the revised tariff page only includes the rates changes approved in the underlying order cited as the authority at the bottom of the revised page.

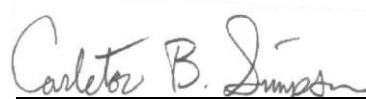
So ordered, this twentieth day of March, 2023.



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