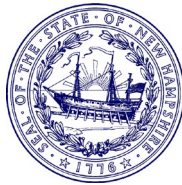


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Re: DE 23-035 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, 2022 Annual Storm Fund Report, *DOE Technical Statement of Stephen R. Eckberg, Utility Analyst*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On behalf of the New Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE” or “Department”), enclosed please find the *Technical Statement of Stephen R. Eckberg, Utility Analyst* for filing in the above referenced docket. This technical statement and the attached DOE Enforcement Division “**Final Audit Report**” (emphasis in original) fulfills the Commission’s request. *See Procedural Order Re: Proposed Revised Deadlines* (August 3, 2023).

In the opinion of the DOE, if the Commission accepts DOE’s recommendations regarding adjustment of the 2022 Storm Fund expenses and the related MSF balance as of December 31, 2022, no further process is necessary, and the docket may be closed. However, the DOE is mindful that the Commission directed Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty to notify the Commission whether additional process will be required on or before December 18, 2023. If necessary, DOE will participate in submitting either a joint proposed procedural schedule or individual schedules. DOE respectfully requests that:

1. Liberty be directed to provide DOE with notice no later than December 12 as to whether the Company believes further process and a procedural schedule are necessary. This will give DOE sufficient time to consider a procedural schedule, if needed.

Consistent with the Commission’s current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic format.

Respectfully Submitted,
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