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June 21, 2023

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DE 23-039, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, Request for Change in Distribution Rates; Parties' Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Chairman Goldner:

A prehearing conference was held in the above-captioned docket on June 15, 2023. Following the prehearing conference, the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) drafted a proposed procedural schedule assented to by the parties in this docket, consisting of (in addition to the Department): Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty); the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA); the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire (CPCNH); Clean Energy NH (CENH); and the Trustees of Dartmouth College (Dartmouth) (hereinafter "The Parties").

As suggested by the Department at the prehearing conference, the proposed schedule includes four sets of hearings spread out over two months, with the final set of hearings wrapping up by the end of February, 2024; and has intervenor testimony due in mid-late November 2023.

The Parties agree that responses to data requests will be due 10 business days from the issuance of the requests.

The Parties' assented-to proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Liberty Rate Case Filing	May 5, 2023
DOE Set 1 Data Requests (DRs) to Liberty	May 24, 2023
DOE Set 2 DRs to Liberty	June 2, 2023
Liberty Responses to DOE Set 1 DRs Due	June 7, 2023
Liberty Responses to DOE Set 2 DRs Due	June 12, 2023
Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC)	June 15, 2023 at 1:30 PM
Technical Session	June 15, 2023, following PHC

Hearing on Temporary Rates	June 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Rolling Discovery begins	June 21, 2023
Final Set of 1 <sup>st</sup> Round DRs to Liberty	July 27, 2023
Liberty Responses to Final Set of 1 <sup>st</sup> Round DRs Due	August 10, 2023
Technical Sessions (Remote)	August 15, 2023 August 16, 2023
Second Round of Rolling Discovery begins	August 17, 2023
Final Set of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round DRs to Liberty	October 5, 2023
Liberty Responses to Final Set of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round DRs Due	October 19, 2023
Technical Sessions (Remote)	October 25, 2023 October 26, 2023
Tech Session DRs to Liberty	October 31, 2023
Liberty Responses to Tech Session DRs Due	November 15, 2023
Intervenor Testimony Due	November 21, 2023
Liberty DRs to Intervenors	November 29, 2023
Intervenor Responses to Liberty DRs Due	December 13, 2023
Liberty Rebuttal Testimony	December 20, 2023
Settlement Conferences	January 3, 2024 January 4, 2024
Target Date for Filing any Settlement	January 10, 2024
Hearings	January 17 & January 18, 2024 Week of January 22, 2024 Week of February 5, 2024 February 21, 2024 & February 22, 2024

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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