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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DE 23-039, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, Request for Change in Distribution Rates; Parties' Revised 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 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). The Department filed the proposed procedural schedule with the Commission on June 21, 2023.

At the prehearing conference on June 15, 2023, the Commission granted the intervention petitions of CENH, CPCNH, and Dartmouth. In the prehearing order dated June 30, 2023, the Commission approved the intervention petitions of the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and Walmart Inc. (Walmart). DOE, Liberty, OCA, CPCNH, CENH, Dartmouth, CLF, and Walmart are hereafter referred to as "the Parties."

In the June 30, 2023, prehearing order, the Commission also directed the Parties to submit an updated proposed procedural schedule to include input from the intervenors approved in the order. In the order, the Commission said it, "suggests the parties consider agreeing to extend the current suspension date of May 5, 2024 to June 30, 2024". The Commission noted that it required at least 90 days for hearings and closing the record in time to have at least 45 days to draft its final order on Liberty's permanent rate requests.

As recommended in the Commission's prehearing order, the Parties propose a procedural schedule that includes a final decision and rate change on June 30, 2024. The Parties have also updated the procedural schedule with input from the recently approved intervenors. The updated schedule spreads hearing dates over 90 days, with hearings concluding at least 45 days prior to June 30, 2024.

The Parties agree that responses to data requests will be due 10 business days from the issuance of the requests, unless otherwise specified in the schedule.

The Parties' updated 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
Technical Session	June 15, 2023
Hearing on Temporary Rates	June 21, 2023
Rolling Discovery begins	June 21, 2023
Final Set of 1 st Round DRs to Liberty	July 27, 2023
Liberty Responses to Final Set of 1 st 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 nd Round DRs to Liberty	October 5, 2023
Liberty Responses to Final Set of 2 nd Round DRs Due	October 19, 2023
Technical Sessions (Remote)	October 25, 2023
	October 26, 2023
Tech Session DRs to Liberty	October 30, 2023
Liberty Responses to Tech Session DRs Due	November 14, 2023
Intervenor Testimony Due	December 13, 2023
Liberty DRs to Intervenors	December 20, 2023
Intervenor Responses to Liberty DRs Due	January 9, 2024
Liberty Rebuttal Testimony	January 17, 2024
Settlement Conferences	January 24, 2024
	January 25, 2024
Target Date for Filing any Settlement	February 5, 2024
Hearings	February 13, 14, & 15, 2024

Week of March 4, 2024
Week of March 25, 2024
Week of April 8, 2024
Week of May 6, 2024
June 30, 2024

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

Sincerely,

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