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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; Department of Energy November 14 Revised Proposed Procedural Schedule with Request to Extend Intervenor Testimony Due Date

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On July 24, 2023, the Commission approved an assented-to proposed procedural schedule submitted by the Parties in the above-captioned docket. The Parties to this docket are the Department of Energy (DOE or 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); the Trustees of Dartmouth College (Dartmouth); the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF); and Walmart Inc. (Walmart); (hereinafter referred to as the Parties).

Through the course of discovery in this case, and in response to issues raised by the Department of Energy's Audit Division, Liberty has indicated numerous times that it plans to file an updated revenue requirements calculation. At the end of two technical sessions held on October 26, and October 30, 2023, the Department asked when Liberty planned to provide the updated revenue requirements calculation. The Company informed the Parties that it expects to be able to submit its updated revenue requirement on or before December 1, 2023.

To allow time for the Department and other parties to review that updated filing and use it as a starting point for developing different revenue requirements, the Department proposes to revise the existing procedural schedule by extending the due date for intervenor testimony from December 13, 2023, to December 21, 2023.

The proposed revised schedule extends several deadlines in order to accommodate an extension to the intervenor testimony filing deadline while adhering to the hearing dates already scheduled, as well as the January 30, 2024, Prehearing Conference scheduled by the Commission.

The OCA, CPCNH, CENH, Dartmouth, and CLF have assented to the below revised procedural schedule as proposed by the DOE. The Department has not heard from

Walmart regarding the below schedule as of the time of this filing. The Company has indicated that it will file a response to this request with the Commission.

The revised procedural schedule proposed by the Department is as follows – the dates that are proposed to be changed from the existing approved schedule are in bold:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Intervenor Testimony Due	December 21, 2023
Liberty DRs to Intervenors	January 3, 2024
Intervenor Responses to Liberty DRs Due	January 17, 2024
Liberty Rebuttal Testimony	January 25, 2024
Settlement Conferences	January 29, 2024
	January 30, 2024, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
	January 31, 2024
Prehearing Conference	January 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m
Target Date for Filing any Settlement	February 5, 2024
Hearings	February 13, 2024
	March 5, 2024
	March 7, 2024
	March 26, 2024
	April 9, 2024
	April 11, 2024
	May 7, 2024
	May 9, 2024
<i>Decision on Permanent Rates</i>	<i>June 30, 2024</i>

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

Sincerely,

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