

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-039

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

Request for Change in Distribution Rates

Procedural Order Re: Request to Revise Procedural Schedule


By procedural order dated July 24, 2023, the Commission approved the updated assented-to procedural schedule filed by the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) on July 12, 2023 and scheduled eight days of hearings on its hearings calendar. On November 14, 2023, the DOE filed a request to revise the procedural schedule to extend the deadline for intervenor testimony from December 13 to December 21, 2023, based on Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty's (Liberty) representation that it would submit an updated revenue requirement on or about December 1, 2023, so that the DOE and other parties would have sufficient time to review it. The DOE requested the extension of several other deadlines "to accommodate" an extension of the deadline for intervenor testimony, including extending the dates of the settlement conferences from January 24 and 25, 2024 to January 29, January 30 (in the afternoon), and January 31, 2024. The July 24 procedural order scheduled a prehearing conference on January 30, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., to address the conduct of the hearings, including witness availability and exhibits.

All parties other than Walmart Inc., which has filed no response as of today's date, and Liberty, assented to the DOE's request. On November 20, 2023, counsel for Liberty filed a letter stating that Liberty proposed submitting its updated revenue requirement filing nearly a week earlier, on November 27, 2023, in order to preserve the existing procedural schedule. Liberty objected to changing the dates of the

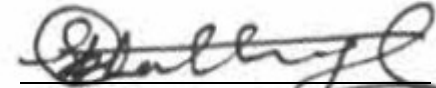
settlement conferences, in light of the existing January 30, 2024 prehearing conference and February 5, 2024 target date for filing any settlement agreement.

The Commission waives New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e), given the short amount of time remaining before November 27. It finds that Liberty's proposal would provide the other parties with additional time to review the updated revenue requirement and preserve the parties' existing procedural schedule, with the parties' settlement conferences occurring prior to the January 30, 2024 prehearing conference. Accordingly, the Commission DENIES the DOE's request to revise the existing procedural schedule. Liberty shall submit its updated revenue requirement filing no later than November 27, 2023.

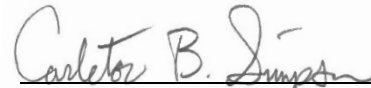
So ordered, this twenty-first day of November, 2023.



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