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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DE 23-081 Petition of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Request for Approval of Revenue Decoupling Adjustment for July 2022 through June 2023; Department of Energy Request to Submit Late-Filed Exhibit for February 1, 2024, Hearing

Dear Chairman Goldner:

A Hearing is scheduled in the above-captioned matter for February 1, 2024. On January 17, 2024, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or "the Company") filed a Joint Witness and Exhibit List for the February 1, 2024, hearing, pursuant to the filing deadline in the Procedural Schedule approved by the Commission on January 10, 2024. Liberty filed proposed Exhibits 1 and 2 on January 17, 2024, and the Department of Energy ("Department") filed proposed Exhibit 3 on that same date.

On January 24, 2024, the Enforcement Division Audit Staff of the Department issued the attached Final Audit Report for DE 23-081 ("Audit Report"). The Department would like to submit the Audit Report as proposed Exhibit 4 in the above-captioned matter, with the intent to introduce it as an exhibit at the February 1, 2024, hearing. The Department thus requests the Commission's permission to file the attached Audit Report as proposed Exhibit 4 despite the fact that this filing is submitted after the January 17, 2024, deadline approved by the Commission.

The Department believes that allowing the Audit Report to be submitted as an exhibit in this proceeding would provide the Commission with a more complete record on which to base its decision on Liberty's request for approval of its revenue decoupling adjustment for July 2022 through June 2023, as the Audit Report examines certain information submitted by Liberty in support of its request, including financial data from the Company.

The Department reached out to Liberty and to the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") for their positions on the Department's request to submit the Audit

Report as a proposed exhibit. Liberty assents to the Department's request. The Department has not received a position from the OCA as of the time of this filing.

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

Sincerely,

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