

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 24-066**

**Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty**

**The Town of Salem's Request for Expedited Ruling**

The Town of Salem ("Town") hereby submits this request for expedited ruling, stating as follows:

1. Currently pending before the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") is Liberty's Petition to Amend Tariff. This involves the critical question of who is responsible for the cost of relocating Liberty's aerial equipment underground pursuant to RSA 231:159-182.

2. On August 8, 2024, the Commission determined a ruling on the Petition, or at least the threshold question, can be made based on the papers submitted and, as a result, the August 15, 2024 hearing was cancelled.

3. Importantly, the project that is the subject of this case is currently stalled until a decision on the petition is made as described in the enclosed Memorandum. *See* Ex. 1. Particularly, Liberty is refusing to move its equipment underground until a decision by the Commission is made, despite the Town and numerous third parties proceeding with work and scheduling future work. *See id.*

4. In order for the project to remain on schedule, a decision on the Petition in the next 30 days is imperative.

5. Accordingly, the Town respectfully requests that the Commission issue its decision as soon as practical.

6. Liberty does not take a position on the requested relief herein.

7. The Department of Energy and Office of the Consumer Advocate did not respond to a request for their positions.


WHEREFORE, the Town of Salem respectfully requests that this Honorable Commission:

- A. Issue a decision on the Petition as soon as practical, and
- B. Provide any other such relief as it deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,  
**TOWN OF SALEM**  
By its Attorneys  
**UPTON & HATFIELD, LLP**

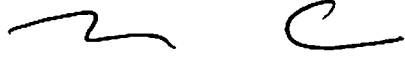
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**CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been e-mailed this day to all parties of record.

  
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