STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 17-189

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY Petition to Approve Battery Storage Pilot Program

Procedural Order Re: Motion to Continue October 4, 2022 Hearing

The Commission scheduled a hearing on March 2, 2022, to conduct an interim review of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty's (Liberty) Battery Storage Pilot Program (the Program). *See* Procedural Order dated December 22, 2021. In Order No. 26,588 (February 25, 2022), the Commission continued the March 2 hearing and scheduled a final hearing on Phase One of the Program on October 4, 2022.

On September 22, 2022, Liberty filed a motion to continue the October 4 hearing, in which it represented that the New Hampshire Department of Energy, the Office of the Consumer Advocate, Conservation Law Foundation, and the City of Lebanon assented, with no parties objecting to its continuance request. In its motion, Liberty stated that the parties needed time to review the final report from its consultant, Guidehouse, on Phase One of the Program, which report would not be available until late November 2022. Liberty requested that the October 4 hearing be rescheduled to January 2023, with a hearing regarding whether to proceed with Phase Two to be scheduled in March 2023, if requested.

Liberty's request to continue the October 4, 2022, hearing has been GRANTED. The final hearing on Phase One of the Program has been rescheduled to <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.</u> Three hours have been allotted for this hearing, which shall be conducted in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on May 3, 2022. The Commission renews its request that Liberty coordinate with Tesla, Inc. (Tesla) to have a Tesla representative available, either in person or remotely, at the January 10, DE 17-189 September 26, 2022 Page 2

2023, hearing to respond to any questions that may arise regarding the physical and technological capabilities of Tesla products and software utilized in the Program. *See* Procedural Order dated August 22, 2022. A hearing regarding Phase Two of the Program will be scheduled after the January 10 hearing has been held if Liberty decides to seek approval for Phase Two.

So ordered, this twenty-sixth day of September, 2022.

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