STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 21-004

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

2021 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Procedural Order Re: Request for Remote Participation

The Commission scheduled an in-person hearing in this matter for March 14 and 15, 2023. On March 7, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) filed a late request for remote participation by two of its witnesses, Ronald D. Willoughby, who is based in North Carolina, and Joseph J. DeVirgilio, who is based in Florida. The DOE requests that these two witnesses be allowed to participate remotely to avoid the significant time and expense of traveling to New Hampshire for this two-day hearing. The DOE represents that neither of the other parties to this docket, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, object to this request.

Given the limited time remaining before the March 14 and 15, 2023 hearing, the Commission waives the 10-day objection period under New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e). *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05. The Commission finds that the DOE has provided good cause for Mr. Willoughby and Mr. DeVirgilio to appear remotely at the hearing. Therefore, the DOE's request for remote participation is GRANTED, and a hybrid hearing format will be used for the hearing to accommodate these two witnesses only. The filing of a separate request will be required for any other parties or witnesses wishing to appear remotely. DE 21-004 03/10/23 Page 2

So ordered, this tenth day of March, 2023.

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