

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 21-087**

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

**2021 Default Service Solicitations**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On April 29, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a letter containing its proposed schedule for solicitations of default energy service supply requirements for the six-month period from August 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. Liberty stated that it planned to issue its request for proposal for the six-month default service period on May 3, 2021. According to its letter, Liberty expects to make the default service filing associated with its solicitation on June 14, 2021, and it will require the Commission to issue an order approving the solicitation process and resulting rates by June 21, 2021 for service to begin on August 1, 2021.

Through the solicitation, Liberty purchases power for customers who have not chosen to receive electric service from the competitive market. Liberty makes its default energy service filings pursuant to the terms of a settlement agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 (January 13, 2006), as most recently modified by Order No. 25,806 (September 2, 2015).

Pursuant to the currently approved default service procurement process, Liberty solicits 100 percent of power supply requirements for its large customer group (commercial and industrial customers) for a period of six months in two, consecutive three-month blocks of power supply. Based on the results of the solicitation, Liberty develops fixed monthly rates for each month of the six-month period. For its small customer group (residential and small commercial

customers), Liberty solicits a six-month block of power supply and sets a fixed rate for the six-month period, using a weighted average of power costs for that period. In Order No. 25,806, the Commission approved Liberty's request to modify its default service procurement process, so that one six-month default service period begins in the month of February, and a second six-month default service period begins in the month of August of each year. With this change, the higher-priced winter months of January and February are divided between the two energy service periods, thus mitigating the price spikes ratepayers commonly experienced in the winter months.

Liberty's filing and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2021/21-087.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether Liberty used the approved process for the solicitation, evaluation, and selection of bidders for power supply requirements; whether the resulting rates are just and reasonable, as required by RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7; and whether Liberty has procured energy service requirements in a manner consistent with the electric industry restructuring statute, RSA chapter 374-F. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote hearing, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on June 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing may do so by [clicking here](#). **If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible.** Parties will be provided with additional instructions prior to the hearing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 15, 2021, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before June 18, 2021.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of June, 2021.



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Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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