

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

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LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES

**Proposed Tariff Amendment to Allow Resale of
Electricity for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations**

Order Suspending Tariff Amendment

ORDER NO. 25,852

December 18, 2015

In this Order, the Commission suspends a tariff amendment filed by Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) to permit the resale of electricity for electric vehicle charging (EVC) stations. The Liberty tariff filing raises legal and regulatory issues that affect other electric distribution utilities and EVC station operators. Consequently, we will address these issues first through an investigation conducted in Docket No. IR 15-510, in which all electric distribution utilities will be mandatory parties. Liberty's revised tariff pages and supporting documents, as well as subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted, is posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-489.html>.

On November 20, 2015, Liberty filed proposed amended pages of its tariff, NHPUC No. 19, pursuant to N.H. RSA 378:3 and N.H. Code Admin Rule Puc 1605. Specifically, Liberty proposed to amend the terms of its tariff relating to General Service Time-of-Use Rate G-1, General Long Hour Service Rate G-2, and General Service Rate G-3 on pages 41, 45, and 49, respectively. Liberty included annotated and clean tariff pages showing the proposed changes,

and a supporting technical statement of Heather M. Tebbetts, a Liberty Utility Analyst. Liberty requested that the proposed changes become effective January 1, 2016.

Liberty noted that its tariff language currently prohibits the resale of electricity by customers who receive delivery service under these customer rate classes. The new language would exclude from the definition of “resale,” and thus permit, the “sale of electricity to a third party from an electric vehicle charging station.” Liberty asserted that electric vehicles are a growing sector in the New Hampshire marketplace. Liberty stated that the company wants to enhance the opportunities for EVC in its service territory in order to further state and regional initiatives supportive of electric vehicle usage.

This filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to the legal and regulatory status of EVC station operators as public utilities under RSA 362:2 or as competitive electric power suppliers under RSA 374-F: 2 and 7 and N.H. Code Admin. Rules Chapter Puc 2000, the design and implementation of rates charged to and potentially by EVC station operators, the Commission’s jurisdiction over such rates and terms and conditions of service, and whether the proposed changes to Liberty’s tariff are just and reasonable and in the public interest.

Pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), the Commission will suspend Liberty’s tariff amendments to allow for completion of the investigation in Docket No. IR 15-510. In the absence of such suspension, the tariff amendments would become effective 30 days after filing under RSA 378:3.

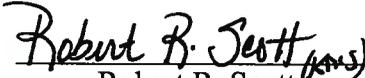
Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Liberty’s proposed tariff pages relating to General Service Time-of-Use Rate G-1, General Long Hour Service Rate G-2, and General Service Rate G-3 on pages 41, 45, and 49, be and hereby are suspended under RSA 378:6, I(b), pending completion of the investigation of related legal and regulatory issues in Docket No. IR 15-510.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighteenth day of
December, 2015.



Martin P. Honigberg
Chairman

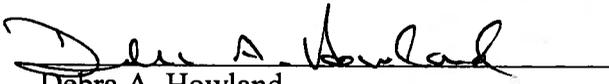


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