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June 18, 2021

Michael J. Sheehan, Esq., Senior Counsel
Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
116 North Main Street
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Re: DE 06-107, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
Petition for Recovery of Storm Expenses
Suspension of April 23, 2021 Decision

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

On April 23, 2021, the Commission issued a secretarial letter approving, in part, a request from Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty, or the Company) for recovery of costs contained in its Annual Storm Report for Calendar Year 2019 filed on March 30, 2020. Based on its review of Liberty's filing and the subsequent recommendation filed by Commission Staff (Staff), the Commission denied Liberty's recovery of \$706,838 from the Company's Major Storm Fund account.

Liberty filed a timely motion for rehearing of the Commission's April 23 decision on May 21, 2021, pursuant to RSA 541:3. On May 26, 2021, Staff filed a response to Liberty's motion for rehearing. Staff stated that it did not object to Liberty being heard, but noted that it did not "concede that Liberty's procedural due process arguments are valid or that the Commission's substantive decision on the merits was improperly filed."

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's motion and Staff's response. Based on its review, the Commission directs Staff to supplement its response with legal argument in support of its position. The Commission also determined to suspend its April 23, 2021 decision, effective immediately, pending further consideration, pursuant to RSA 365:21. The Commission will schedule a hearing at a later time, if it determines that a hearing is necessary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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