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***By Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail***

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Docket No. DE 12-023; Granite State Electric Company Default Service Rates for the Period November 1, 2012 to January 31, 2013 for the Large Customer Group and November 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013 for the Small Customer Group**

Dear Ms. Howland:

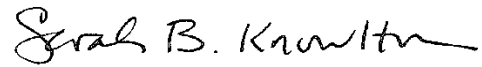
I enclose for filing one redacted and seven confidential copies of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities' proposed Default Service rates for the Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group for the three-month period November 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013 and the Residential and Small Commercial Customer Group for the six-month period November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. This filing includes the pre-filed direct testimony of John D. Warshaw and Daniel L. Mahoney and accompanying schedules.

Certain schedules included in this filing contain confidential information, specifically, the Company's transaction confirmation with the winning supplier, bid evaluation and summary, REC pricing, and retail meter commodity cost calculations. The Company requests confidential treatment of these materials pursuant to Puc 201.04(a)(5), 201.06(a)(30) and 201.07, which collectively afford confidential treatment of such materials in routine Default Service filings. With respect to the wholesale power purchase prices included in this filing, the Company requests confidential treatment only until such time those prices are required to be made public by FERC.

The Company believes the proposed Default Service rates are consistent with RSA 374-F:3, V(c) and Commission precedent and are in the public interest as reflective of "competitive market" prices. See NH RSA 374-F:3, V(c). Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed rates to become effective for service on and after November 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013 for the Large and Medium Customer Group and for service on and after November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 for the Residential and Small Commercial Customer Group.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah B. Knowlton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Sarah B. Knowlton

Enclosures

cc: Service List (via email)