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Re: Docket No. DE 13-063  
Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Distribution Service Rate Case  
Report of Technical Session



Dear Ms. Howland:

On March 29, 2013, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a petition to implement new permanent distribution rates, to amend various tariffs, and to set temporary electric distraction rates for effect July 1, 2013. The Commission issued Order No. 25,490 (April 11, 2013) which suspended the tariffs and scheduled a prehearing conference for April 24, 2013 and a hearing on temporary rates for June 4, 2013. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on March 11, 2013 indicating its participation in the docket pursuant to RSA 363:28.

On April 19, 2013, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Clinic (Dartmouth-Hitchcock) filed a petition to intervene which the Commission granted at the prehearing conference.

Following the prehearing conference, Liberty, Staff, the OCA and Dartmouth-Hitchcock met in technical session to commence discovery and to establish a procedural schedule for both the temporary rate proceeding and the permanent rate proceeding. The parties agreed to the following schedule for the temporary rate proceeding.

Data Requests	May 3, 2013
Data Responses	May 10, 2013
Technical Session	May 17, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff/Intervenor Testimony or Settlement Filed	May 24, 2013
Hearing on Temporary Rates	June 4, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

The parties agreed to the following schedule for the permanent rate portion of this docket.

Rolling Discovery begins	June 7, 2013
Responses to Discovery Requests	due within 10 business days of receipt
Final set of 1 <sup>st</sup> Round Discovery Requests	July 19, 2013
Final Responses to 1 <sup>st</sup> Round of Rolling Discovery	August 2, 2013
Draft Audit Report to Company	August 16, 2013
Company Responses to Draft Audit Report	August 23, 2013
Technical Session	August 27 and 28, 9:00 a.m. each day
2 <sup>nd</sup> Round of Rolling Discovery	begins following technical session
Final Audit Report	September 6, 2013
Data Requests Issued on Audit Report	September 13, 2013
Final Set of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round Discovery Requests	September 27, 2013
Responses to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Round & Audit Report Discovery	October 11, 2013
Technical Session	October 15 and 16, 9:00 a.m. each day
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	November 15, 2013
Company Data Requests to Staff/Intervenors	November 22, 2013
Staff and Intervenor Responses	December 12, 2013
Settlement Conference	December 17 and 18, 9:00 a.m. each day
Company Rebuttal Testimony	January 3, 2014
Settlement Conference	January 8 and 9, 9:00 a.m. each day
Filing of Settlement, if any	January 17, 2014
Hearing on the Merits	January 28 and 29, 10:00 a.m. each day

Staff, on behalf of the parties, respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed procedural schedules. I certify that a copy of this letter will be served electronically on the parties on the service list at the same time it is filed with the Commission.

Sincerely,



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Staff Attorney

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