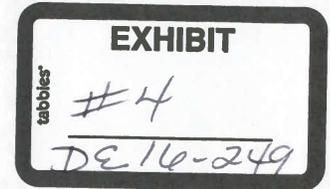




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**Re: Docket No. DE 16-249;
Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities**

Energy Service Rates for the Period February 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017 for the Large Customer Group and the Small Customer Group

Dear Ms. Howland;

I enclose for filing one redacted and seven confidential copies of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' proposed Energy Service rates for the Large Customer Group and the Small Customer Group for the six-month period February 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017.

This filing includes the direct testimony and schedules of John D. Warshaw and Heather M. Tebbetts. Mr. Warshaw's testimony describes the process used to procure Energy Service for both the Large and Small Customer Groups, the proposed Energy Service rates, and how the Company proposes to meet its 2017 Renewable Portfolio Standard obligations. Ms. Tebbetts presents the Company's proposed Energy Service rates and bill impacts.

Certain schedules included in the energy service rate filing contain confidential information, specifically, the Company's transaction confirmations with the winning suppliers, 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 Energy Service filings. The Company also requests confidential treatment of the wholesale power purchase prices included in this filing only until such time those prices are required to be made public by the FERC.

The Company believes the proposed Energy 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 asks that

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the Commission approve the proposed rates to become effective for service on and after February 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Sheehan".

Michael J. Sheehan

Enclosures
cc: Service List