



**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DE 16-249

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Energy Service for the Period February 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017

**DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF
HEATHER M. TEBBETTS**

December 12, 2016

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1 **I. Introduction and Qualifications**

2 **Q. Please state your full name, business address and position.**

3 A. My name is Heather M. Tebbetts and my business address is 15 Buttrick Road,
4 Londonderry, NH 03053. I am a Utility Analyst for Liberty Utilities Service Corp.
5 (“Liberty”) which provides services to Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
6 (“Liberty Utilities” or “the Company”) and in this capacity, am responsible for providing
7 rate-related services for the Company.

8 **Q. Please describe your educational background and training.**

9 A. I graduated from Franklin Pierce University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in
10 Finance. I received a Master’s of Business Administration from Southern New
11 Hampshire University in 2007.

12 **Q. Please describe your professional background.**

13 A. In October 2014 I joined Liberty as a Utility Analyst. Prior to my employment at
14 Liberty, I was employed by Public Service Company of New Hampshire (“PSNH”) as a
15 Senior Analyst in NH Revenue Requirements from 2010 to 2014. Prior to my position in
16 NH Revenue Requirements, I was a Staff Accountant in PSNH’s Property Tax group
17 from 2007 to 2010 and a Customer Service Representative III in PSNH’s Customer
18 Service Department from 2004 to 2007.

19 **Q. Have you previously testified before the New Hampshire Public Utilities
20 Commission (“the Commission”)?**

21 A. Yes, I have testified on numerous occasions before the Commission.

1 **II. Purpose of Testimony**

2 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

3 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present Liberty Utilities' proposed Energy Service
4 rates for the period of February 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017.

5 **Q. Please provide the list of schedules attached to your testimony.**

6 A. Schedule HMT-1 Large Customer Group Energy Service Rates
7 Schedule HMT-2 Small Customer Group Energy Service Rates
8 Schedule HMT-3 Residential Customer Bill Impact

9 **III. Rate Proposal**

10 **Q. What is Liberty proposing?**

11 A. The Company is proposing monthly Energy Service rates for the Large Customer Group
12 based on the six monthly contract prices for the period February 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017
13 contained in the supply agreement with the winning Energy Service supplier for the
14 Large Customer Group. Lines 11 through 14 in Attachment HMT-1 are added to (or
15 subtracted from) the base Energy Service rate to determine the Energy Service rate to be
16 billed to customers.

17 The Company is also proposing a fixed six-month base Energy Service rate for the Small
18 Customer Group the period February 1, 2017 - July 31, 2017 based on a weighted
19 average of the six monthly contract prices contained in the supply agreement with the
20 winning Energy Service supplier for the Small Customer Group. Lines 11 through 14 in
21 Attachment HMT2 are added to (or subtracted from) the base Energy Service rate to
22 determine the Energy Service rate to be billed to customers. The rates included in lines

1 11 through 13 in both HMT-1 and HMT-2 were approved in Order No. 25,908¹ while the
2 Company is seeking approval in this filing for the rates on line 14 of each of those
3 attachments.

4 **Q. Please provide a table showing the monthly rates for the Large Customer Group.**

5 A. Please see the table below for the monthly rates for the Large Customer Group.

	<u>Large Customer Group</u>					
	<u>Feb-17</u>	<u>Mar-17</u>	<u>Apr-17</u>	<u>May-17</u>	<u>Jun-17</u>	<u>Jul-17</u>
Base ES Rate	\$0.09915	\$0.06843	\$0.04989	\$0.04421	\$0.06148	\$0.06744
ESAF	\$0.00066	\$0.00066	\$0.00066	\$0.00066	\$0.00066	\$0.00066
ESCRAF	\$0.00435	\$0.00435	\$0.00435	\$0.00435	\$0.00435	\$0.00435
Border Sales	(\$0.00012)	(\$0.00012)	(\$0.00012)	(\$0.00012)	(\$0.00012)	(\$0.00012)
<u>RPS</u>	<u>\$0.00445</u>	<u>\$0.00445</u>	<u>\$0.00445</u>	<u>\$0.00445</u>	<u>\$0.00445</u>	<u>\$0.00445</u>
Total	\$0.10849	\$0.07777	\$0.05923	\$0.05355	\$0.07082	\$0.07678

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7 **Q. What is the average monthly rate for the Small Customer Group?**

8 A. The Energy Service rate for the period of February 1, 2017 - July 1, 2017 for the Small
9 Customer Group is \$0.07630 per kWh.

10 **Q. What is the bill impact for customers taking energy service?**

11 A. As shown in Schedule HMT-3, for a residential customer taking Energy Service and
12 using 650 kWh per month, the total bill impact of the proposed rate in this filing, as
13 compared to rates effective today, is a bill increase of \$4.95 per month, or 5.12 percent,
14 from \$96.77 to \$101.72 per month.

1 Order No. 25,908 is also referenced in Schedules HMT-1 and HMT-2

1 **IV. Conclusion**

2 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

3 **A. Yes.**