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Re: Docket No. DE 16-383; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; Distribution Service Rate Case; Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 29, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities filed a petition to implement new permanent distribution rates, to set temporary electric distribution rates, and to amend various tariffs, all for effect July 1, 2016. The Commission issued Order No. 25,899 (May 10, 2016) which suspended the tariffs and scheduled a pre-hearing conference for May 23, 2016.

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on May 2, 2016 indicating its participation in the docket. On May 20, 2016, the City of Lebanon, NH filed a petition to intervene, which the Commission granted at the pre-hearing conference.

Following the May 23rd prehearing conference, the parties met in a technical session to establish a procedural schedule for both the temporary rate and the permanent rate segments of this proceeding.

The Parties agree to the following schedule for the temporary rate segment:

Data Requests to Company	May 27, 2016
Data Responses by Company	June 3, 2016
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	June 8, 2016
Staff & Intervenor Testimony	June 14, 2016
Hearing on Temporary Rates	June 17, 2016 - 1:30 p.m.

The Parties agree to the following schedule for the permanent rate segment:

Rolling Discovery to Company begins	July 8, 2016
Responses to Discovery Requests	Within 10 Business Days
Final Set of First Round of Discovery Requests	August 19, 2016

Final Responses to 1st Round of Discovery	September 2, 2016
Technical Sessions	September 22 & 23, 2016
Second Round of Rolling Discovery to Company	September 28, 2016
Final Set of Second Round of Discovery Requests	October 21, 2016
Final Responses to Second Round of Discovery	November 4, 2016
Technical Sessions	November 16 & 17, 2016
Staff & Intervenor Testimony	December 9, 2016
Company Data Requests to Staff & Intervenors	December 21, 2016
Staff & Intervenor Responses	January 11, 2017
Company Rebuttal Testimony	January 25, 2017
Settlement Conference	February 8 & 9, 2017
Target Date for Filing Any Settlement	February 23, 2017
Hearings	March 15 & 16, 2017

On behalf of the Parties, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,



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