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Via Electronic and US Mail

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RE: Docket No. DE 16-777 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities Monthly EAP Report January 2017 Revised

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing, please find Liberty Utilities' Revised January 2017 Monthly Reconciliation Report. The January 2017 report filed on February 15, 2017, included an amount for the SBC Low Income EAP Funding of \$119,297.19, which provided for a payment of \$58,577.92 to be made to the State of New Hampshire Treasury. The total funding was actually \$119,314.48, resulting in a required payment of \$58,516.53, or \$61.39 less than the payment made on February 15, 2017, as described below.

In January, a residential customer's bill was manually cancelled and rebilled in the amount of \$39.34. When revenues for the System Benefits Charge (SBC) are received, they are posted to one general ledger (GL) account. To account for the SBC funds between the energy efficiency and EAP portions, the Company calculates an allocation of revenues based the rates in effect for the SBC components multiplied by the kilowatt-hour sales for the month. The amount allocated to EAP is then used for reporting purposes and payment to the Treasury in the monthly EAP Reconciliation Report. The allocation resulting from the cancel/rebill transaction should have included an additional \$17.29 allocation in the SBC Low Income EAP Billed Amount, for a total EAP funding level of \$119,314.48. When the revenues were accounted for in the GL, they were accounted for as a debit, and should have been a credit. This caused the discounts to be off by \$78.68 (\$39.34 x 2), which created an overpayment to the Treasury of \$61.39 – (\$78.68-\$17.29=\$61.39) for the January 2017 report.

This report revises the SBC Low Income EAP Funding, which revises the total reported amount due to the State of New Hampshire Treasury. The result is a lower payment due to the State of New Hampshire Treasury that is reflected in the March 2017 EAP Reconciliation Report. Please note this this report has been filed via the Commission's Electronic Report Filing system. The \$61.39 adjustment is included in the March 2017 EAP Report filed on April 17, 2017.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephen R. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'S'.

Stephen R. Hall

Enclosures

cc: Rorie Patterson
OCA Litigation

Electric Assistance Program
System Benefits Charge Reconciliation Report - Revised April 17, 2017
January-17

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric)

Retail Delivery KWHs	79,542,987
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SBC Low Income EAP Rate	\$ 0.0015
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SBC Low Income EAP Billed Amount	\$119,314.48
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Interest on 10% Reserve Fund Balance ⁽¹⁾	\$32.17
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SBC Low Income EAP Funding	\$119,346.65
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EAP Costs

Discounts Applied to Customers ⁽¹⁾ Bills		\$ 41,852.47
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Payments to Community Action Agencies	18,941.27	
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Incremental Program Expenditures ⁽²⁾	36.38	
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Pre-program Arrears Recovery	-	
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Total EAP Costs	<u>60,830.12</u>
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SBC Low Income EAP Balance	\$ 58,516.53
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Total amount due to State of New Hampshire Treasury	\$ 58,516.53
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Program to Date Reserve Balance	\$37,923.49
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Interest on reserve at 0.0099872	
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(1) Interest rate / 365 (x) # of days in month (x) Reserve

(1) Pursuant to Order No. 24,329 in Docket DE 03-195 State-wide Low Income Electric Assistance Program approving the Settlement Agreement, Liberty Utilities is paying interest on the reserve balance of \$37,923.49. The interest rate is based on the three month London Interbank Offer Rates (LIBOR) on the first business day of the month.

(2) Mileage for EAP Advisory Board meeting attendance on January 20, 2017

(3) The report is being revised because there was a cancel/rebill in January that affected the total discounts provided to customers. The original filing provided for a payment to the Treasury for \$58,577.92. With the adjustment included, the payment to the Treasury should have been \$58,516.53. The difference of \$61.39 will be reflected in the April 2017 filing for the period of March 2017 payment to the Treasury. Please see page 3 for further explanation of the adjustment.

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric)**Electric Assistance Program****Number of Active EAP Participants by Discount Tier Levels and Amounts - Revised April 17, 2017****January-17**

<u>Number of Active Participants</u>	<u>[1] Discount Tier</u>	<u>% per Tier Participants To Total Participants</u>	<u>[2] Discount Amount</u>	<u>% per Tier Discount To Total Discounts</u>
0	1	0.0%	\$ -	0.0%
358	2	26.5%	2,369.48	5.7%
253	3	18.7%	5,517.96	13.2%
248	4	18.4%	7,063.27	16.9%
251	5	18.6%	10,451.64	25.0%
<u>240</u>	6	<u>17.8%</u>	<u>16,450.12</u>	<u>39.3%</u>
TOTAL*	1,350	100.0%	\$ 41,852.47	100.0%

***Discount Levels for Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric):**

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>% of Federal Poverty Guidelines</u>
2	9%	151% to 200%
3	23%	126% to 150%
4	37%	101% to 125%
5	53%	76% to 100%
6	77%	Up to 75%

[1] The total may not sum because some customers moved tiers during the month.

[2] Tier 3 Discounts reflect the adjustment made through a cancel/rebill in January of \$39.34 that was debited to the EAP account, rather than credited and not included in the discounts for the January report filed in February 2017.

The difference between the February 2017 and this revised report is \$78.68.

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
Electric Assistance Program (EAP)
Aging Report
January-17

Non-EAP Customers

	<u>Percentage of Customers</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Current Balance	91.7%	\$ 3,945,925.53
1st Arrears	2.6%	\$ 164,833.21
2nd Arrears	1.8%	\$ 126,749.69
3rd Arrears	1.0%	\$ 90,502.61
4th Arrears	<u>2.8%</u>	<u>\$ 908,526.97</u>
Total Arrears	100.0%	\$ 5,236,538.01
Customer Count		31,516

EAP Customers

Current Balance	69.7%	\$ 212,921.65
1st Arrears	4.6%	\$ 25,245.38
2nd Arrears	5.3%	\$ 31,140.63
3rd Arrears	4.1%	\$ 24,939.84
4th Arrears	<u>16.3%</u>	<u>\$ 480,476.04</u>
Total Arrears	100.0%	\$ 774,723.54
Customer Count		1,735

[1] Arrears data is as of January 31, 2017

[2] EAP Customer data includes customers formerly on EAP with
balances and customers currently on EAP