



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

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Request for Approval of Company Ownership of Newly Installed Underground Services

Docket No. DE 17-149

Technical Statement of Heather M. Tebbetts

February 8, 2018

A. Purpose of Technical Statement

On September 29, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. ("Liberty" or "the Company") filed its proposal to own underground line extensions in accordance with the Settlement Agreement in Docket No. DE 16-383.

Since the filing, the Company and Commission Staff have worked on revisions to the original September 29, 2017, tariff filing that include the following:

- Adding that installations after March 1, 2018, will follow the new underground policies;
- Editing the requirements for underground line extensions to point to the Electric Service Bulletins, rather than listing requirements in the tariff, as they may change from time to time and to be consistent with the other utilities;
- Clarification that a customer with an existing overhead service that wishes to go underground must pay for the entire line extension, as it is assumed that the customer received the credit for up to 300 feet for the original overhead line extension;
- Policy 2 only applies to the subdivision mainline only. Individual services will fall under Policy 1;
- The clarification that only primary underground line extensions in Policies 3 and 4 will be owned by the Company and secondary line extensions will be owned by the Customer;
- The addition of four types of underground installation costs, rather than a single per foot excess cost, as costs vary depending on the size of the service and the characteristics of the service.

In developing the revised language, the Eversource and Unitil tariffs were reviewed for consistency. As part of that review, it was found that neither of those tariffs included detailed specifications for installations. With that, the parties agreed it would be easiest for customers to find detailed installation requirements by instead including links to the Company's Specifications for Electrical Installations document throughout the Policies as needed. As such, many sections of the original filing have been removed and page numbers updated to reflect the changes.

B. Effective Date

As originally requested in my direct testimony filed on September 29, 2017, the Company requests that the tariff be approved no later than February 28, 2018, for effect on March 1, 2018, to allow sufficient time to implement the new tariff before construction season starts April 1, 2018.