

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 17-189

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP.
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES**

Petition to Approve Battery Storage Pilot Program

Procedural Order Re: Interim Review

In Order No. 26,537 (October 29, 2021), issued in Docket No. DE 19-064, the Commission stated that, based on its review of Exhibit 80A filed by Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), an interim review of Liberty's Battery Storage Pilot Program (the Program) was warranted. *See id.* at 3. On November 15, 2021, Liberty filed its Quarterly Evaluation Report for the Program for the third quarter of 2021 in the above-captioned docket.


A hearing to conduct an interim review of the Program is scheduled on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. The March 2, 2022 hearing shall be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached supplemental order of notice and hearing guidelines. Three hours are allotted for this hearing. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

During the hearing, Liberty should be prepared to answer the Commission's questions regarding Liberty's 2021 investments in the Program and any changes to the Program, which have been made to enhance its effectiveness. No later than 15 business days prior to the date of the hearing, Liberty shall file in the above-captioned docket the following information:

- Liberty's assessment as to the success of the Program and if it should be continued.
- A summary table showing only the actual cost and achieved lifetime benefit, as of the review date, for each customer in a live spreadsheet.

- A summary table showing only the actual cost and achieved lifetime benefit, and then adding projected costs and benefits by year, for each customer. Calculate the payback period for each customer. Calculated benefit, cost, and payback period totals to include all customers. All in a live spreadsheet.
- An update to Exhibit 80A in live spreadsheets, including a total for all customers. Include a summary description of the assumptions and calculations.
- Number of customers in the Program at the time of the review, and number of planned additions each quarter of 2022.
- Estimated cost for each additional battery storage implementation in 2022, estimated benefits by year, and payback period for each. Provide 2022 totals. All in live spreadsheets.
- Include a summary of the savings from Liberty's point of view and the customer's point of view.
- Include any safety issues discovered.

So ordered, this twenty-second day of December, 2021.


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