## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

**Inter-Department Communication** 

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DATE: December 21, 2018 AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

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**SUBJECT:** DE 18-183, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

> Tariff Changes Reflecting the Removal of the Electricity Consumption Tax

TO: Commissioners

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On December 10, 2018 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. (Liberty or Company) filed proposed tariff changes effective January 1, 2019, for:

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The tariff changes are necessary to remove the Electricity Consumption Tax from rates pursuant to House Bill 517, which was signed into law on June 28, 2017, and which repealed the entirety of RSA Chapter 83-E relating to the Electricity Consumption Tax effective January 1, 2019.

Liberty also submitted a request for waiver of the 30-day notice requirement under Puc 1603.07(a) because the Company asks for an effective date for Commission approval of January 1, 2019. However, as explained in the filing, the rule provides the Commission with the option under 1603.7(a)(2) to order approval of the tariff pages before expiration of 30 days. Thus, Liberty represents that by invoking that option, the Commission obviates the need for the waiver.

Staff has reviewed the filing received on December 10, and confirms compliance with House Bill 517 repealing the Electricity Consumption Tax effective January 1, 2019.

Staff recommends that the Commission approve the above tariff changes for January 1, 2019.

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