

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-044

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

2023 Default Service Solicitations

DG 22-045

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty

Winter 2022-2023 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas

Procedural Order Re: Liberty Scheduling Requests

On October 6, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a letter informing the Commission that it intended to issue a default service request for proposals to procure default service for the six-month period from February 1, 2024 to July 31, 2024 for both the Large and Small Customer Groups. In the letter, Liberty included a proposed schedule of the review of its default service proposal for this time period, which included a hearing on December 13, 2023. In that same letter, Liberty requested that the Commission reschedule the hearing on December 19, 2023 on the renewable energy credits in this docket to December 13, 2023, the same day as Liberty's proposal for the hearing on default service. Liberty represents that this would be appropriate because some of its Missouri-based witnesses will be testifying at both hearings, and thus scheduling them for the same day would reduce the witnesses' travel burdens. Liberty does not indicate how long it estimates each hearing will take.

Notably, there is already an all-day hearing scheduled in Docket No. DG 22-045 on December 13, 2023 for Liberty's gas counterpart, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty. Liberty's October 6 letter did not address this scheduling issue

and it is not clear whether Liberty is proposing to make the hearing in Docket No. DG 22-045 into a half-day hearing.

Moreover, Liberty did not indicate whether the parties in either Docket Nos. DE 23-044 or DG 22-045 took a position on Liberty's scheduling requests. In light of the foregoing, the Commission requests that the parties to these dockets confer and file a joint proposal for the following scheduling issues: (1) Liberty's proposed procedural schedule for default service rates effective February 1, 2024; (2) Liberty's proposal to reschedule the renewable energy credit hearing to December 13, 2023; and (3) any changes necessary for the hearing in Docket No. DG 22-045 on December 13, 2023. The Commission requests that the parties file this joint statement by October 18, 2023. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint statement, the Commission requests that they file individual position statements by October 20, 2023.

So ordered, this tenth day of October, 2023.



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