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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DE 23-035 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, 2022 Annual Storm Fund Report, *Department's Request to Change Filing Dates to November 30 and December 18, 2023*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Commission's June 8, 2023 Procedural Order states, "The New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) is requested to file an audit report and its recommendation, or request additional time to investigate this matter, on or before August 1, 2023." The Department appreciates the flexibility the Commission has provided the Department in this docket and writes to inform the Commission that the Department anticipates that it will file a Technical Statement or Report and Recommendation on or before Thursday, November 30, 2023. The additional time is required because the Department needs to assign its staffing resources to dockets with higher priority, especially those with more immediate rate impacts.

The Department further proposes that the related August 16, 2023 deadlines be moved to December 18, 2023. By and through counsel, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or "the Company") agrees to the proposed November 30 and December 18 dates. The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) has not filed a letter of participation, nor does it plan to do so. However, by and through counsel, the OCA does not object to the dates the Department has proposed. (The OCA assented to Liberty's request for additional time to file the initial report in this docket.)

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic format.

Respectfully Submitted,

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