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Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket No. DE 13-018; Granite State Electric Company Default Service Rates for the Period February 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014 for the Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group

Dear Ms. Howland:

I enclose for filing one redacted and seven confidential copies of Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities' proposed Default Service rates for the Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group for the three-month period February 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. This filing includes the pre-filed direct testimony of John D. Warshaw and accompanying schedules.

Certain schedules included in the default service filing contain confidential information, specifically, the Company's transaction confirmation with the winning supplier, bid evaluation and summary, REC pricing, and retail meter commodity cost calculations. The Company requests confidential treatment of these materials pursuant to Puc 201.04(a)(5), 201.06(a)(30) and 201.07, which collectively afford confidential treatment of such materials in routine Default Service filings. With respect to the wholesale power purchase prices included in this filing, the Company requests confidential treatment only until such time those prices are required to be made public by FERC.

In addition, Mr. Warshaw's testimony contains certain confidential information regarding the status of the borderline sales dispute between Granite State and National Grid. The Company will be filing a motion for protective treatment regarding this information prior to the December 19 hearing.

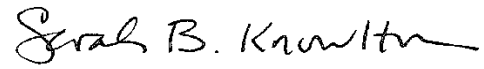
The Company believes the proposed Default Service rates are consistent with RSA 374-F:3, V(c) and Commission precedent and are in the public interest as reflective of "competitive market" prices. *See* NH RSA 374-F:3, V(c). Accordingly, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission approve the proposed rates, by order issued on or before December 23 2013, to become effective for service on and after February 1, 2014.

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Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah B. Knowlton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Sarah B. Knowlton

Enclosures
cc: Service list