BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISISON STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DE 23-039

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

Request for Change in Distribution Rates

June 6, 2023

COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PETITON TO INTERVENE

Now Comes the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire ("CPCNH") and petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission, in response to its Order of Notice, issued on May 26, 2023, in this docket and pursuant to NH Code of Administrative Rules Puc 203.02 and Puc 203.17, to allow CPCNH to intervene in the above-captioned matter for the following reasons:

- CPCNH is a voluntary New Hampshire nonprofit corporation with a principal place of business of City Hall, 51 North Park St., Lebanon, NH 03766 and a mailing address of P.O. Box 840, Concord, NH 03302.
- 2. CPCNH is a governmental instrumentality of its 34 members comprised of 33 NH municipalities and one county and is organized pursuant to a joint powers agreement (JPA) under NH RSA 53-A and 53-E:3, II(b).
- 3. CPCNH is a joint power supply agency organized to procure and supply electricity and related services to member community power programs.
- 4. CPCNH has launched power supply in 5 Member communities in the Liberty service area: the City of Lebanon and the towns of Enfield, Hanover, Plainfield and Walpole.
- 5. CPCNH is now serving approximately 14,785 Liberty Utilities distribution customers, including residential, commercial, and industrial customers.
- 6. The JPA authorizes CPCNH "to jointly exercise certain powers, privileges, and authorities granted to municipalities and counties pursuant to" a variety of statutes "in order to study, promote, develop, conduct, operate, and manage energy-related programs, and to exercise all

other powers necessary and incidental to accomplishing this purpose." Article 7.16 of its Articles of Agreement, part of the JPA, specifically grants CPCNH the power to "[i]ntervene in germane regulatory proceedings on behalf of itself and its Members".

- 7. CPCNH has a substantial interest in the issues to be addressed by this proceeding, including, but not limited to metrics for performance based ratemaking, deployment of AMI, TOU rates, and bring your own battery options for customers.
- 8. CPCNH's intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings, will not result in undue delay, and will not prejudice the interest of any party.

WHEREFORE, CPCNH requests that the Commission grant this petition to allow CPCNH to be made a full intervenor in this proceeding and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of June 2023

Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire

by CPCNH Chair Clifton Below, duly authorized