

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 17-149

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

**Changes to Tariff to Allow for Company Ownership
of Newly Installed Underground Services**

Order Suspending Tariff and Scheduling Hearing

ORDER NO. 26,106

February 28, 2018

On September 28, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“Liberty” or “the Company”) filed a request for approval of tariff changes that would provide for Liberty to own newly installed underground services. On February 8, 2018, Liberty filed a revised version of those proposed tariff pages. The tariff pages and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission’s website at <http://www.puc.state.nh.us/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-149.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to the terms and conditions under which Liberty would own newly installed underground electric service lines to residential, commercial and industrial customers, the costs and charges customers would be required to incur for such underground services, and whether those terms, conditions, and charges are just and reasonable as required by RSA 378:7.

We will suspend Liberty's proposed tariff amendment to allow the filing to be investigated pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), and schedule a hearing for March 27, 2018. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party’s own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a hearing to consider the Company's proposal, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on March 27, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Liberty's proposed amendment to NHPUC No. 20 Electricity Delivery Tariff is hereby suspended pending further investigation for three months until May 27, 2018, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Technical Session shall be conducted on March 16, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices, to be attended by Liberty, the Staff of the Commission, and any interested person to review Liberty's proposal; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order no later than March 9, 2018, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 23, 2018; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 23, 2018, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before March 27, 2018.