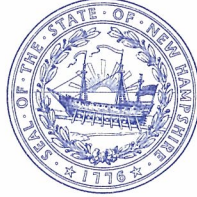


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September 17, 2012

RE: DE 12-023, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Petition for Approval of Default Service Rates for the Large and Medium  
Commercial and Industrial Customer Group  
Scheduling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On January 13, 2006, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 24,577 in Docket No. DE 05-126, which among other things, approved Granite State Electric Company's solicitation process for procuring default service supply for its Small Customer Group and its Large Customer Group. On September 14, 2012, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed proposed Default Service rates for its Large and Medium Commercial and Industrial Customer Group for the three-month period beginning November 1, 2012 through January 31, 2013, and the Residential and Small Commercial Customer Group for the six-month period beginning November 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013. In support of the proposed rates, Liberty filed the testimony and related schedules of John D. Warshaw and Daniel L. Mahoney.

The Commission will hold a hearing on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at which time the Commission will hear the testimony of Liberty's witnesses and Commission Staff. This is consistent with Order No. 24,577 which states that Liberty will file the purchase power agreement and the accompanying rates for the Commission to review pursuant to RSA 363:17-a.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

cc: Docket File

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