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RE: DE 12-341
GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC COMPANY
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES:
Annual Retail Rate Adjustment Filing.

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2 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Today we're
3 here on DE 12-341, Granite State Electric Company/Liberty
4 Utilities proposed retail rate adjustments for 2013. On
5 November 27, 2012, Granite State Electric Company filed
6 its request for approval of retail rate adjustments
7 related to its Stranded Cost Charge, Transmission Service
8 Charge, for approval of a GreenUp Service Recovery
9 Adjustment factor for effect with service rendered on and
10 after January 1st, 2013. Granite State calculated the
11 aggregate impact of the rate changes on an average monthly
12 residential bill, 665 kilowatt-hours, to be \$1.59, or a
13 monthly increase of 1.73 percent, over the current bill of
14 \$92.14 to \$93.73.

15 Okay. With that, we'll take
16 appearances.

17 MS. KNOWLTON: Good afternoon,
18 Commissioners Harrington and Scott. My name is Sarah
19 Knowlton. And, I'm here today on behalf of Granite State
20 Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities.

21 MS. AMIDON: Good afternoon. Suzanne
22 Amidon, for Commission Staff. And, with me today is Grant
23 Siwinski with the Electric Division.

24 CMSR. HARRINGTON: So, no one has

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1 changed their since the last docket. I was just checking.

2 MS. HOLLENBERG: If I might just comment
3 just for the record. My name is Rorie Hollenberg. We
4 haven't participated, the OCA has not participated
5 formally. And, I'm here monitoring the hearing. Thank
6 you.

7 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Thank you.
8 And, is there any administrative matters?

9 MS. KNOWLTON: The Company would propose
10 to mark for identification as "Exhibit 1" its November
11 27th, 2012 January 2013 Retail Rate Filing.

12 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. So marked.
13 (The document, as described, was
14 herewith marked as **Exhibit 1** for
15 identification.)

16 CMSR. HARRINGTON: And, Ms. Knowlton.

17 MS. KNOWLTON: Thank you. The Company
18 calls two witnesses today, John Warshaw and Scott McCabe.

19 (Whereupon **John D. Warshaw** and
20 **Scott M. McCabe** were duly sworn by the
21 Court Reporter.)

22 MS. KNOWLTON: Good afternoon,
23 gentlemen.

24 **JOHN D. WARSHAW, SWORN**

1 **SCOTT M. McCABE, SWORN**

2 **DIRECT EXAMINATION**

3 BY MS. KNOWLTON:

4 Q. Mr. Warshaw, I'll start with you. Would you please
5 state your full name for the record.

6 A. (Warshaw) John D. Warshaw.

7 Q. By whom are you employed?

8 A. (Warshaw) I am employed by Liberty Utilities New
9 Hampshire Corp.

10 Q. What is your position with the Company?

11 A. (Warshaw) I'm Manager of Electric Supply.

12 Q. Are you familiar with the document that we've marked
13 today as "Exhibit 1"?

14 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

15 Q. And, that document contains the Testimony and Schedules
16 of Meera B. Reynolds and John D. Warshaw. Do you have
17 that before you?

18 A. (Warshaw) Yes, I do.

19 Q. With regard to the portion of that document that
20 contains your prefiled direct testimony and schedules,
21 would you please indicate whether that was prepared by
22 you or under your direction?

23 A. (Warshaw) Yes, it was.

24 Q. Do you have any corrections to that testimony?

1 A. (Warshaw) Yes, I have one correction. On Bates stamp
2 101, Line 11, in the middle of that line it has
3 "Schedule JDW-5", it should read "Schedule JDW-4".
4 And, that is the only correction I have.

5 Q. Okay. Do you have any updates to this testimony?

6 A. (Warshaw) Yes, I do have an update. In my development
7 of the transmission costs for 2013, I had made
8 reference that Granite State would be getting a refund
9 as part of the agreement between Constellation Energy
10 and FERC. And, that refund was for \$144,563.03. And,
11 that refund actually was included in the most recent
12 ISO invoice that was received by Granite State on
13 Monday. It was a credit on the invoice of exactly the
14 same value. And, as a result, those -- that credit
15 will be refunded to customers as part of the rate that
16 we're proposing for 2013.

17 Q. Mr. Warshaw, could you please summarize the material
18 parts of your testimony for the Commission.

19 A. (Warshaw) Sure. I was responsible for developing the
20 forecast of the transmission rates that Granite State
21 Electric would be paying for the year 2013. And, those
22 transmission rates are made up of three major factors.
23 One is the ISO -- the ISO-New England Tariff Schedule
24 21, which provides for LN -- Local Network Service from

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1 NEP. The second part is the ISO-New England Tariff
2 Section II charges, which provides for, among other
3 things, Regional Network Service, Black Start Service,
4 System Rest -- System Reactive Supply and Voltage
5 Service. And, then, finally, there also is the charges
6 for ISO-New England administrative charges.

7 Q. Does your testimony contain any forecast of expenses
8 for the next year?

9 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

10 Q. Okay. And, could you just generally describe what the
11 result of that forecast is?

12 A. (Warshaw) We are forecasting that, for 2013, the
13 transmission expenses will total \$17,010,901.

14 Q. And, is that an increase or a decrease over --

15 A. (Warshaw) That is an increase of \$1,610,230, from the
16 estimate that was prepared in -- for 2012.

17 Q. Thank you. Mr. McCabe, would you please state your
18 full name for the record.

19 A. (McCabe) Scott McCabe.

20 Q. And, by whom are you employed?

21 A. (McCabe) National Grid.

22 Q. And, do you have before you what we've marked for
23 identification as "Exhibit 1", the prefiled testimony
24 of Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Warshaw?

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1 A. (McCabe) Yes, I do.

2 Q. And, are you here today adopting Ms. Reynolds'
3 testimony?

4 A. (McCabe) Yes.

5 MS. KNOWLTON: And, I actually just
6 would like to inform the Commission that Ms. Reynolds is
7 ill and not able to be here today. So, we've asked
8 Mr. Warshaw to -- excuse me, Mr. McCabe to come today in
9 her stead. And, I would like to thank him for that.

10 WITNESS McCABE: You're welcome.

11 BY MS. KNOWLTON:

12 Q. Mr. McCabe, what is your position with National Grid?

13 A. (McCabe) I'm a Lead Specialist in the Regulation and
14 Pricing Department for National Grid.

15 Q. And, are you familiar with Granite State's Retail Rate
16 Filing that's being presented today?

17 A. (McCabe) Yes, I am.

18 Q. Did you have any role in the development of
19 Ms. Reynolds' portion of the testimony?

20 A. (McCabe) I did. I reviewed her testimony, as well as
21 her schedules.

22 Q. Okay. Do you have any corrections or updates to that
23 testimony and the accompanying schedules?

24 A. (McCabe) I do not.

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1 Q. Have you participated in the past in prior dockets
2 related to Granite State's annual retail rate filing?

3 A. (McCabe) Yes, I have.

4 Q. So, you have some history in this area?

5 A. (McCabe) Yes.

6 Q. And, can you give a general overview for the Commission
7 of the various reconciliations and adjustments that are
8 set forth in Ms. Reynolds' testimony and schedules?

9 A. (McCabe) Sure. There are three reconciliations that
10 are presented. And, they're presented in accordance
11 with the adjustment provisions of the Company's tariff.
12 And, the three reconciliations have to do with stranded
13 cost recovery, transmission service recovery, as well
14 as GreenUp Service.

15 Q. And, can you -- would you be able to just indicate for
16 each one what the -- what, you know, what the ultimate
17 conclusion of the reconciliation is, whether it's an
18 increase or decrease, you know, by the particular
19 adjustment?

20 A. (McCabe) Sure. As depicted on Bates stamp Page 007, at
21 the bottom of the page, there's a table which
22 summarizes the proposed rate changes. And, for the
23 Stranded Cost Charge, the proposed rate changes from
24 0.90 cents per kilowatt-hour to 0.15 cents per

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1 kilowatt-hour; the Transmission Service Charge, which
2 is actually a -- it is a rate class specific charge,
3 and the number provided -- the numbers provided on the
4 second line of that table are at the Company average
5 level, and that's -- there was an increase from 1.554
6 cents per kilowatt-hour to 1.860 cents per
7 kilowatt-hour; and, finally, the Company is proposing a
8 credit factor of 0.001 cents per kilowatt-hour for the
9 GreenUp Service reconciliation. And, currently, there
10 is no charge for GreenUp Service.

11 MS. KNOWLTON: The Company has no
12 further questions for the witnesses and would make them
13 available for cross-examination.

14 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Ms. Amidon.

15 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. Good afternoon.

16 WITNESS McCABE: Good afternoon.

17 WITNESS WARSHAW: Good afternoon.

18 **CROSS-EXAMINATION**

19 BY MS. AMIDON:

20 Q. Mr. Warshaw, I just wanted to follow up on a couple
21 things. I may have some additional questions for you.
22 But you've mentioned the -- what is called on Page
23 Bates stamp 110, the "ISO-New England Disgorgement Fund
24 Credit". And, your testimony said that that was based

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1 on an agreement that Constellation had with the ISO, is
2 that what I understood?

3 A. (Warshaw) Actually, it was an agreement between
4 Constellation and the FERC for a \$20 million penalty,
5 refund that Constellation made. And, as a result of
6 that, a portion of that refund went to all of the New
7 England states. And, there's a stipulation that it was
8 entered into between all of the New England states,
9 about how much each state was going to receive. And,
10 then, within each state, a stipulation on which
11 companies would receive that refund and how that refund
12 would be provided to electric customers in New England.

13 Q. I understand that this -- this table on Page 110, that
14 takes into account that credit, is that right?

15 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

16 Q. And, your testimony said that this is a "one-time
17 credit"?

18 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

19 Q. And, then, is it fair to say that it only flows through
20 the transmission side of things or is there any
21 additional money that Granite State will receive
22 through this credit?

23 A. (Warshaw) It is my understanding that this is the
24 one-time credit, and it will only be through the

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1 transmission rates.

2 Q. Thank you.

3 A. (Warshaw) And only for 2013.

4 Q. Thank you. I just wanted to clarify that. On the
5 transmission forecasts, please excuse me, but I
6 couldn't tell if you said that the 17 million was a
7 1 million increase or decrease?

8 A. (Warshaw) It was a 1.6 million increase.

9 Q. And, that was from the previous estimates for 2013, is
10 that right?

11 A. (Warshaw) That's from the previous estimate in 2012.

12 Q. Gotcha. Okay. Thank you. Mr. McCabe, it's always
13 good to see you.

14 A. (McCabe) Nice to see you.

15 Q. You pointed to Page 007, the Bates stamp Page 007,
16 which is Page 3 of Ms. Reynolds' testimony that you've
17 adopted, so we could see the various elements in this
18 part of the filing. Now, the Stranded Cost Charge, if
19 I understand correctly, is the charge that is related
20 to the contract termination charges from
21 reorganization, is that -- is that too simple of a
22 summary?

23 A. (McCabe) That's correct.

24 Q. Okay. And, National Grid files what they call a

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1 "Contract Termination Charge Report" with the
2 Commission separate from this docket, is that right?

3 A. (McCabe) That is correct.

4 Q. And, did you have a chance to review whether, for
5 example, the Stranded Cost Charge of 0.150 cents is
6 what you would -- is confirmed by that CTC Report?

7 A. (McCabe) Yes. Actually, I have the report in front of
8 me, on the -- it's called the "Reconciliation of
9 Contract Termination Charges to Granite State Electric
10 Company". And, I believe it was filed -- it was filed
11 on December 3rd with the Commission. And, if I turn
12 to, and I realize folks don't have it probably in front
13 of them, but --

14 Q. Well, that's why I just -- it's a separate docket, is
15 that right?

16 A. (McCabe) Right.

17 Q. Is it 12-348, is that --

18 A. (McCabe) Yes. I believe so, yes.

19 Q. Okay. Thank you.

20 A. (McCabe) And, in the report, on Bates stamp Page 005,
21 in the "Summary of Results" section, the statement is
22 that "NEP", who is "New England Power", "CTC to Granite
23 State for the calendar year 2013 will be 0.15 cents per
24 kilowatt-hour." So, it confirms, it's consistent with

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1 the charge that is included in the testimony in
2 Exhibit 1.

3 Q. And, if I understand it correctly, that amount does not
4 include the nuclear decommissioning charge for 2013, is
5 that right?

6 A. (McCabe) Yes, that's correct. The estimate for nuclear
7 decommissioning charges included for 2013 is zero.
8 And, that's in accordance with various settlements with
9 FERC, and which guide the calculation of the base CTC
10 charge.

11 Q. And, do you have any knowledge as whether Granite State
12 will be assessed any nuclear decommissioning charges in
13 the future under the CTC?

14 A. (McCabe) Yes. Granite State continues to be assessed
15 nuclear decommissioning charges. And, for instance,
16 built into the rates for 2013 are actually nuclear
17 decommissioning charges for Yankee, for the period
18 ending September 2012. And, the charge for 2013, which
19 I guess looks back retroactively, includes an estimate
20 of -- or, actuals of \$11.3 million of nuclear
21 decommissioning charges, of which Granite State
22 receives 3 percent. So, I believe that's about -- a
23 total of about \$340,000 allocated to Granite State
24 Electric.

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1 Q. And, those are in the rates?

2 A. (McCabe) Yes. Those are built into the rates. And,
3 they come through the reconciliation of actual charges.
4 And, I'd be happy to point to the schedule, if folks
5 are interested.

6 Q. Could you point that out to us please?

7 A. (McCabe) Sure. On Bates stamp Page 033, there's a
8 column, and it's Column 7, which includes, and it says
9 "Collection of Prior Year Balance Including Interest".

10 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Excuse me. My Bates
11 stamp Page 033 is like a title page.

12 WITNESS McCABE: Oh, I'm sorry,
13 Commissioner. I'm referring to the CTC Report.

14 MS. AMIDON: Oh, you're referring to the
15 CTC?

16 WITNESS McCABE: Yes.

17 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Oh. Okay.

18 WITNESS McCABE: And, so, I apologize
19 for the confusion. As I mentioned, I don't think folks
20 necessarily have it in front of them. So, if this is an
21 exercise I don't need to go through, I'd be happy to --

22 MS. AMIDON: I'm sorry. I thought it
23 was in this filing, too. So, I apologize. We don't need
24 to go into that, that separate filing.

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1 WITNESS McCABE: Okay.

2 MS. AMIDON: Thank you. I didn't
3 realize it was a separate filing. I apologize.

4 BY MS. AMIDON:

5 Q. And, so, will there be, in the future, do you expect to
6 continue to see that Granite State is assessed these
7 nuclear decommissioning costs?

8 A. (McCabe) Yes. They will. The forecast for
9 decommissioning costs are similar to the level that was
10 included in the 2013 rate. And, again, the charges
11 will come through as actuals, and be reflected in the
12 following year's charge.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 A. (McCabe) You're welcome.

15 Q. So, Mr. Warshaw, hopefully, I won't confuse you. I
16 have a couple questions on Page Bates stamp 095, which
17 is Page 9 of your testimony. And, in the answer that
18 you provide at Lines 12 through 15, you reference --
19 says "Granite State is subject to a Specific
20 Distribution Surcharge for use of certain NEP
21 facilities". Do you see where I am?

22 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

23 Q. Is that Specific Distribution Surcharge, is that a
24 Transmission Charge?

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1 A. (Warshaw) Yes, it is.

2 Q. So, it's FERC tariffed?

3 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

4 Q. Okay. So, if I go to your Exhibit 4, which looks like
5 it's at Bates stamp 121, is that -- that's the number
6 then that appears at the column that's identified as
7 for "Specific Distribution Surcharge", is that right?

8 A. (Warshaw) Yes. That would be Column (4).

9 Q. All right. And, do other utilities associated with or
10 affiliated with NEP also pay this Distribution
11 Surcharge?

12 A. (Warshaw) Yes. It's in their tariff. There's a number
13 of utilities that do pay that.

14 Q. Okay. And, you don't know what those costs might be
15 the utility, do you? Or, do you only know for your own
16 company?

17 A. (Warshaw) Actually, it's a uniform rate that all of the
18 utilities that are subject to that surcharge pay.

19 Q. Okay. Great. Also, on -- going back to Page Bates
20 stamp 095, Page 9 of 17, in the last sentence there you
21 talk about other "generation customers of NEP". Which
22 utilities do you -- fall into this category of
23 "generation customers of NEP"?

24 A. (Warshaw) This is the result of the sale of Granite

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1 State by National Grid to Liberty Utilities. And,
2 because of the way National Grid and, prior to that,
3 NEES, had developed their system, it was -- there are a
4 number of facilities that were shared by Granite State
5 and NEP to provide service to customers, among them
6 adjoining utilities and generation customers. As part
7 of the sale, NEP wanted -- NEP was going to continue to
8 have these as customers of them. But, because they
9 were using Granite State facilities, a credit was
10 developed between National Grid and Liberty to account
11 for the use of those facilities.

12 Q. Okay. And, is that just subject to the agreement or is
13 there a tariff regarding that?

14 A. (Warshaw) It's part of a filed service agreement
15 between NEP and Granite State.

16 Q. Thank you. And, just to circle back, you indicated, I
17 believe, maybe it was in Ms. Reynolds' testimony, that
18 the rate impact is an increase of approximately
19 1.73 percent, is that right?

20 A. (McCabe) That's correct.

21 Q. Overall?

22 A. (McCabe) That's correct.

23 Q. And, that's taking both the stranded cost portions and
24 those associated costs and the transmission costs, and

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1 that's the overall bill impact, right?

2 A. (McCabe) That is correct.

3 MS. AMIDON: Okay. Thank you. I have
4 no further questions. Thank you, gentlemen.

5 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Commissioner Scott.

6 CMSR. SCOTT: Thank you. Good afternoon
7 again.

8 WITNESS WARSHAW: Good afternoon.

9 CMSR. SCOTT: To one of you, and
10 welcome.

11 WITNESS McCABE: Good afternoon.

12 BY CMSR. SCOTT:

13 Q. I have some questions on your GreenUp Service. I was
14 curious the number of participants you have in the
15 Company for that?

16 A. (Warshaw) I just had that out. Currently, Granite
17 State is, excuse me, has 111 customers on GreenUp as of
18 the end of November 2012. And, that's down from 129
19 customers at the beginning of 2012.

20 Q. Okay. Thank you. And, looking at your filing, it
21 appears that the administrative costs of that program
22 is basically spread out among all your Default Service
23 customers, is that correct?

24 A. (Warshaw) Yes.

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1 Q. Okay. And, if it were, for instance, to be instead
2 divvied up among those 111 customers, do you have an
3 idea how much that would be?

4 A. (Warshaw) Not off the top of my head, no.

5 Q. Let me ask a different question. I'm just trying to --
6 I wonder how the cost-effectiveness of the program, I
7 know the statute requires an RES offering. If I look
8 at 374-F:3 requires an offering. I was just curious
9 if, let's say that the administrative costs, would they
10 be different if it was 111 people participating or
11 zero, for instance, would it be the same costs?

12 A. (Warshaw) It would be the same costs whether there's
13 111 customers or one or two customers, we still have to
14 manage the program, work with the NEPOOL GIS system to
15 accept RECs and transmit information back and forth
16 between Granite State and the GreenUp suppliers. So,
17 it does -- there's a little bit of administrative
18 requirements. And, I would believe that, if those
19 costs were put directly to just the GreenUp customers,
20 it would make this a very expensive service.

21 Q. And, how much are those administrative costs?

22 A. (Warshaw) I apologize. We forecast that to be
23 approximately \$1,200.

24 Q. Okay. And, my final question on that is, has the

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1 Company entertained what a -- maybe establishing a
2 minimum number of participants or a minimum load for
3 such a program?

4 A. (Warshaw) We haven't determined any specific direction
5 on that, but we are looking into what to do with the
6 GreenUp Program going forward.

7 CMSR. SCOTT: Okay. Thank you. That's
8 all I have.

9 CHAIRMAN IGNATIUS: No questions. Thank
10 you.

11 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Not too many
12 questions.

13 BY CMSR. HARRINGTON:

14 Q. Sort of one generic, sort of an oddball question. On
15 the Black Start Program, I understand the ISO has been
16 introducing a new change to the program on that. Is
17 the costs associated with that predicted to go up for
18 2013 or was it -- where is it heading, trending with
19 the new program that's been implemented?

20 A. (Warshaw) I know they changed the way they're making
21 payments on the Black Start Program. I'm just at a
22 loss whether there would be an increased cost or not.
23 So, without that knowledge, we basically used last 2012
24 to forecast 2013.

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1 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. All right. I
2 was just wondering. Okay. That's the only question I
3 had. Redirect?

4 MS. KNOWLTON: I have none.

5 CMSR. HARRINGTON: The witnesses are
6 dismissed. If there's no objection, we will make the
7 exhibit a full exhibit. And, we'll move onto closings.

8 MS. AMIDON: Thank you, Commissioner
9 Harrington. Staff has reviewed the filing, and concluded
10 that the Company has appropriately calculated the Stranded
11 Cost Charge and the transmission-related charges in a
12 manner consistent with which the Company has calculated
13 this in the past. And, we also think that the forecasts
14 are reasonable. And, therefore, we recommend that the
15 Commission approve the Petition.

16 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Thank you.
17 Ms. Knowlton.

18 MS. KNOWLTON: Thank you. Based on the
19 testimony of Mr. McCabe and Mr. Warshaw, the Company asks
20 that the Commission approve the Retail Rate Reconciliation
21 filing in its entirety. The Stranded Cost Charge that's
22 proposed is a derivative of the CTC filing that National
23 Grid has made, and Mr. McCabe has confirmed that the
24 Company has incorporated the appropriate number from that

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1 filing. The transmission adjustments is based on charges
2 that flow through FERC-approved tariffs down to Granite
3 State. And, the testimony today is that has been done
4 correctly and consistently with prior methods that had
5 been used.

6 With regard to the GreenUp, there is a
7 credit that is coming -- there's a refund that's coming
8 back to customers for some administrative expense that had
9 been incurred associated with the program, and the Company
10 will be taking into consideration, as we move forward in
11 the next year, how and whether to make any changes to the
12 GreenUp Program. And, certainly, you know, if that's an
13 area that the Commission has any guidance that it wants to
14 offer the Company, we certainly would be happy to
15 entertain any thoughts that you may have about that.
16 Thank you.

17 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Two last things, I
18 guess. One, I don't want to forget the RSA 378:41,
19 "Conformity of the Plan". Can you, one of the witnesses,
20 or --

21 MS. KNOWLTON: Mr. Warshaw could answer
22 that question, if you'd like to direct it to him.

23 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. In accordance
24 with 378:41, with the plan, is the rate increase here in

1 conformance with the Least Cost Plan most recently filed
2 and found adequate by the Commission?

3 WITNESS WARSHAW: Yes.

4 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Okay. Thank you.

5 And, one last issue. Do you need this -- do you need an
6 order by Friday as well?

7 MS. KNOWLTON: Well, we don't have that
8 same five-day turnaround requirement. Though, the rate
9 does take effect -- we're asking that it take effect
10 January 1st, 2013. So, shortly, so that we can get, you
11 know, do the necessary customer billing changes. Doesn't
12 have to be Friday, though.

13 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Priority two, but
14 high.

15 MS. KNOWLTON: Exactly. Thank you.

16 CMSR. HARRINGTON: Having said that,
17 we'll take it under advisement and we'll get back to you
18 with an order. Thank you.

19 MS. KNOWLTON: Thank you.

20 **(Whereupon the hearing ended at 2:03**
21 **p.m.)**

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