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Via Electronic Mail and US Mail

Debra A. Howland
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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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**Re: DE 15-010; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Default Service Request for Proposals for the Period November 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On August 16, 2015, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. (Liberty) plans to issue a Default Service Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to procure default service for the period November 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016 for both the Large Customer Group and the Small Customer Group.

Pursuant to the terms of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Order No. 24,577 in Docket No. DE 05-126 (January 13, 2006) as modified by Order No. 24,922 in Docket No. DE 08-011/DE 05-126 (December 19, 2008) and further modified by Order No. 25,601 in Docket No. DE 13-018 (November 27, 2013), Liberty plans to solicit a bid price that includes the cost of all market products on an as-delivered energy basis (i.e., an all-inclusive bid price).

I am submitting, for notice purposes, Liberty’s proposed timeline for this RFP:

| RFP Process Steps | August 2015 RFP |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| RFP Issued | August 16, 2015 |
| Indicative Bids Due | September 8, 2015 |
| Final Bids Due | September 15, 2015 |
| Contract Execution | September 16 or 17, 2015 |
| Default Service Filing to Commission | September 21, 2015 |
| Commission Order Needed | September 28, 2015 |
| Service Begins | November 1, 2015 |

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As a result of the ongoing discussions with the Commission Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate and the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning in Docket No. IR 14-338, Liberty proposes to change the period in which it is seeking proposals from six-months ending April 30, 2016 to the nine-months ending July 31, 2016 in order to transition from the current May through October and November through April service periods to August through January and February through July service periods. The result of this change is to have service periods in which the high wholesale electricity cost months of January and February are not together in the same service period, thus reducing price volatility for the Small Customer Group. A more detailed filing of these discussions will be provided to the Commission and the service list in Docket No. IR 14-338 in the near future.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'S'.

Stephen R. Hall

cc: Service List