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Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

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**Re: DE 16-383 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Distribution Service Rate Case Compliance**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Enclosed for filing please find Liberty Utilities' supporting methodology to implement the rate design change specified in Section II.G.1 of the Settlement Agreement in Docket No. DE 16-383 and approved by Order No. 26,005, originally intended to be effective May 1, 2018 (but see below for a request to delay the effective date to June 1, 2018).

Section II.G.1 of the Settlement Agreement provides for a rate design change to Domestic Service Rate D, effective May 1, 2018. Specifically, the change is to increase the currently-effective kWh charge for the first 250 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per month by one-half the difference between that amount and the amount that the charge would be if a flat energy charge for all usage were implemented on May 1, 2018. Any additional revenue resulting from that increase shall be used to reduce the per kWh charge for usage in excess of 250 kWh per month. The demonstration of the resulting calculation is shown on page 1 of the Attachment to this letter and uses rate increase information that is provided in page 2 of the Attachment.

In a letter filed in this docket on March 16, 2018, the Company indicated that tariff pages would accompany this filing. However, with additional rate changes to be implemented through Liberty Utilities' Annual Retail Rate filing (DE 18-xxx, filed this date), REP/VMP filing (DE 18-034), and in view of the Company's required filing setting forth a compliance proposal related to the impact of tax reform in Docket No. IR 18-001, proposed tariff pages will be filed once all of the necessary rate filings have been submitted.

Further, consistent with recent communications with Commission Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate, given the number of scheduled rate changes to various components of bills to electric customers that are currently scheduled to take effect on May 1, 2018, the Company proposes to delay this and all rate changes by one month, to June 1, 2018, to allow for coordination of the rate effect



of tax reform under IR 18-001 with the other rate changes. Delaying the various rate adjustments until June 1, 2018, will also allow for sufficient time for Staff and OCA to review the various filings and meet with the Company to review all the changes prior to hearing. The Company will file separate letters in each docket proposing that all rate changes take effect on June 1, 2018.

Staff and the OCA assent to this request.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve E. Mullen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Steven E. Mullen

Enclosure

cc: Service List