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LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE  
ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY  
UTILITIES: Request for Approval of  
Company Ownership of Newly Installed  
Underground Services  
(Hearing on the Merits)

PRESENT: Chairman Martin P. Honigberg, Presiding  
Commissioner Kathryn M. Bailey  
Commissioner Michael S. Giaimo

Sandy Deno, Clerk

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WITNESS PANEL: HEATHER TEBBETTS  
MARK PARKER

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2 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: We're here  
3 in Docket DE 17-149, which is the filing by  
4 Liberty Utilities, Granite State Electric,  
5 relating to ownership of newly-installed  
6 underground services. This is a hearing on the  
7 merits. Before we do anything else, let's take  
8 appearances.

9 MR. SHEEHAN: Good afternoon,  
10 Commissioners. Mike Sheehan for Liberty  
11 Utilities, with Heather Tebbetts, Steve Hall.  
12 And in the back is Mark Parker, who is our area  
13 manager for electric operations.

14 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Parker  
15 got more than he bargained for, too, today.

16 MR. SHEEHAN: Yes.

17 MR. DEXTER: And appearing on  
18 behalf of the Commission Staff, Paul Dexter.  
19 And with me is Richard Chagnon from the Electric  
20 Division.

21 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: How are we  
22 proceeding today, Mr. Sheehan?

23 MR. SHEEHAN: We have, I guess,  
24 three exhibits to mark. The first would be the

1 initial testimony and attachments of Heather  
2 Tebbetts of September 29, 2017; No. 2 would be  
3 the technical statement with attachments of  
4 February 8, '18; and No. 3 would simply be the  
5 March 23, '18 filing of updated tariff language  
6 that we are asking you to approve. And  
7 otherwise, I'll just present Ms. Tebbetts.

8 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: And I see  
9 Ms. Tebbetts is in place. Would you swear her  
10 in, please.

11 (WHEREUPON, HEATHER TEBBETTS was/were  
12 duly sworn and cautioned by the Court  
13 Reporter.)

14 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Sheehan.

15 MR. SHEEHAN: Thank you.

16 DIRECT EXAMINATION

17 BY MR. SHEEHAN:

18 Q. Ms. Tebbetts, your name and your employer?

19 A. (Tebbetts) Yes, my name is Heather Tebbetts.

20 I work for Liberty Utilities Service Corp.

21 I'm a senior analyst in our Rates and

22 Regulatory Group, and I'm responsible for

23 regulatory affairs for Granite State

24 Electric.

1 Q. And in this matter, the subject is a change  
2 in Granite State's tariff to provide for  
3 owning undercover services; is that correct?

4 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

5 Q. And did you file documents related to this --  
6 you made filings related to this matter; is  
7 that correct?

8 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

9 Q. And you just heard me walk through Exhibits  
10 1, 2 and 3. As to Exhibit 1, it's your  
11 testimony from September of '17. Do you have  
12 any changes to that testimony?

13 A. (Tebbetts) I do not.

14 Q. And do you adopt that testimony today as your  
15 sworn testimony?

16 A. (Tebbetts) Yes, I do.

17 Q. Exhibit 2 is your technical statement of  
18 February 8, although not a sworn statement.  
19 Do you adopt it here as part of your  
20 testimony?

21 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

22 Q. And last is Exhibit 3, which was not a  
23 statement by you, but am I correct that it's  
24 the final version of the tariff language you

1 are asking the Commission to approve?

2 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

3 Q. Could you give us a brief description of the  
4 genesis of this filing.

5 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. So, in Docket DE 16-383, in  
6 the settlement agreement, the Company,  
7 Granite State Electric, had agreed to look  
8 into ownership of underground residential  
9 services. And as part of that, we agreed to  
10 make a filing by September 30th, 2017, to own  
11 residential services, moving into  
12 construction season for 2018. As part of  
13 that filing, we actually requested to own  
14 underground primary commercial services as  
15 well. So we would own the primary section of  
16 it, not moving through the secondary.

17 Q. And that was a bit of an expansion from what  
18 was agreed to in the rate case; is that  
19 correct?

20 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. So, essentially, the idea  
21 was that we're going to be hiring -- we  
22 requested also as part of the settlement  
23 agreement in the rate case, which was Docket  
24 DE 16-3833, that we would need to hire two

1 more employees just to deal with this central  
2 workload that was going to be coming our way,  
3 because we've had a lot of underground  
4 development and underground services in the  
5 past; we just don't own any of them. And so  
6 as part of that, we decided, you know, it  
7 would make more sense to also offer the  
8 commercial primary ownership paradigm to our  
9 customers, which also is in line with how  
10 Unitil and Eversource administer their  
11 line-extension programs.

12 Q. And the filings that we have in front of us,  
13 what role did Staff play in creating what  
14 ultimately we're seeking to be approved here?

15 A. (Tebbetts) So we worked closely with Staff  
16 prior to the September 30th filing to, you  
17 know, discuss what was going on with what we  
18 were going to be proposing. And we also  
19 worked with them after the filing, as we  
20 wanted to ensure that we hit all of the marks  
21 that we wanted to include in our tariff.  
22 Since this is a new tariff for our customers,  
23 we wanted to ensure that customers could  
24 easily understand what we were now going to

1 be offering to them.

2 Q. And is it conversations with Staff what  
3 caused the updated filings you made after the  
4 initial filing?

5 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

6 Q. And so the final document, Exhibit 3,  
7 contains what you understand to be Staff's  
8 comments and suggestions.

9 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

10 Q. And this morning, do you think, today, that  
11 the Exhibit 3, the proposed tariff language,  
12 satisfies or is consistent with the  
13 settlement agreement from last summer?

14 A. (Tebbetts) It is consistent, with the  
15 addition of the commercial primary ownership,  
16 which Staff has also helped us develop  
17 language for.

18 Q. Thank you. I have no further questions.

19 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Dexter.

20 MR. DEXTER: Thank you.

21 CROSS-EXAMINATION

22 BY MR. DEXTER:

23 Q. And with the extension of the parameters of  
24 the settlement agreement to include



1 commercial primary, in your opinion, is that  
2 also reasonable?

3 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

4 Q. Now, is it correct that the tariff will only  
5 apply to new services?

6 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

7 Q. So existing services are not affected by this  
8 filing.

9 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 MR. DEXTER: Staff agrees with  
12 witness's assessment -- sorry. Staff agrees  
13 with the witness's assessment that Staff had  
14 substantial input through the technical sessions  
15 that took place before hearing; therefore, our  
16 questions are limited because our input has been  
17 reflected in Exhibit 3.

18 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you,  
19 Mr. Dexter.

20 Commissioner Bailey.

21 INTERROGATORIES BY COMMISSIONERS:

22 Q. Good afternoon. Can you turn to Page 5 of  
23 your testimony in Exhibit 1?

24 A. (Tebbetts) Yes, I'm there.

1 Q. The answer to the question that starts on  
2 Line 12, Lines 15 through 17, can you explain  
3 to me what those are -- foundations,  
4 handholds grounding systems, primary  
5 risers -- and why the customer would be  
6 responsible for those?

7 A. (Tebbetts) Are you on Bates Page 5 or Page 5?  
8 I'm sorry.

9 Q. Bates Page 5.

10 A. (Tebbetts) Oh, okay. I'm sorry. I just need  
11 to read the question, please.

12 Q. Sure.

13 (Witness reviews document.)

14 A. (Tebbetts) Okay. I'm just referencing Bates  
15 Page 76 of the testimony because we talk  
16 about the requirements. And just so you  
17 know, I'm just taking a look real quickly,  
18 because you... okay. So, essentially, while  
19 I cannot explain to you exactly what  
20 handholds and grounding systems are  
21 specifically, the customer is responsible for  
22 these items primarily because the only thing  
23 that the Company would be doing, literally I  
24 will say, is pulling the wire through the

1 conduit. Our tariff mimics how Unitil and  
2 Eversource also administer their  
3 line-extension programs. And with regards to  
4 their programs, anyone -- customers who go  
5 underground are required to install all of  
6 these things on their own, get them inspected  
7 by us, and then we will go through and pull  
8 the wire and connect to their service.

9 Q. So you think these things -- foundations,  
10 handholds, grounding systems, I understand  
11 conduit, and primary risers -- are all on the  
12 customer's property, not on your pole.

13 A. (Tebbetts) Yes, that's...

14 Q. Okay.

15 A. (Tebbetts) So, the foundation -- yeah, it  
16 depends on -- I could say it possibly could  
17 be in the public way. Certainly primary  
18 risers, possibly. But the idea is that all  
19 of this is going to be on the customer's  
20 property, and that's why we needed an  
21 easement. Then the customer would be  
22 required to install all of that on their  
23 property.

24 Q. Do you know what a primary riser is? Is that

1 something on the house or on the pole?

2 A. (Tebbetts) You know, I'm thinking back to  
3 my -- when I learned all these things, and I  
4 probably can't explain to you in a technical  
5 way what a primary riser is.

6 Q. Maybe your attorney can help you out.

7 MR. SHEEHAN: Mr. Parker can help  
8 me out.

9 Just describe, if it's okay,  
10 the primary --

11 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Sure. Why  
12 don't you take the microphone near you and tell  
13 us what you think the situation is, and maybe  
14 Ms. Tebbetts can, since she's the one under  
15 oath, agree or disagree.

16 MR. SHEEHAN: I was informed the  
17 primary riser is, in effect, the plastic or tube  
18 that comes out of the ground through which the  
19 line would run and attach to the pole. I mean,  
20 we can certainly offer Mr. Parker. He hasn't  
21 filed any prefiled testimony. He's the expert  
22 on this stuff. We can certainly put him under  
23 oath and --

24 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Why don't we

1 do that.

2 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Sorry.

3 WITNESS TEBBETTS: No, it's  
4 perfectly fine.

5 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Why don't we  
6 have him sworn in.

7 (WHEREUPON, MARK PARKER was duly sworn  
8 and cautioned by the Court Reporter.)

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. SHEEHAN:

11 Q. Your name and your employer, please.

12 A. (Parker) My name is Mark Parker, and I am  
13 employed by Liberty Utilities.

14 Q. And your title?

15 A. (Parker) I am the area manager of electric  
16 operations.

17 Q. And in a sentence, what are your  
18 responsibilities?

19 A. (Parker) I oversee, really, everything to do  
20 with the electric system in construction and  
21 maintenance.

22 Q. And the number of years you've been working  
23 in the electric utilities industry?

24 A. (Parker) Twenty-six.

1 Q. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Commissioner  
3 Bailey, you want to return to your questions?

4 COMMISSIONER BAILEY: Yes.

5 BY COMMISSIONER BAILEY:

6 Q. Thank you, Mr. Parker, for being willing to  
7 help me out in understanding these technical  
8 terms.

9 A. (Parker) You're welcome.

10 Q. So what is a foundation, and where is that?

11 A. (Parker) So a foundation is what a  
12 transformer, pad-mounted transformer sits on.  
13 And that is in the -- could be on the  
14 customer's property or in the electrical  
15 easement. It's always installed by the  
16 contractor. So if you go through, just as an  
17 example, go through any brand new subdivision  
18 that is underground, the contractor puts in  
19 the road and then puts in the pipe, the  
20 foundation for the transformers, and a  
21 handhold, which is just a small box that is  
22 connected to that transformer through pipe  
23 that secondaries go to. So we don't have to  
24 put a transformer in front of every home. We

1           would run pipe from the transformer down the  
2           street. And a handhold would be installed,  
3           and then we would connect two houses, up to  
4           four or five, depending on the size of the  
5           handhold. That is always installed by the  
6           contractor, and it's a part of the  
7           underground installation process before we  
8           come. And then we would come through and  
9           pull our wire and set the transformer itself  
10          on the foundation.

11                 Now, a primary riser is just a piece of  
12          pipe. Usually the first section is metal  
13          that comes out of the earth up on our pole,  
14          and that is also installed by the contractor.  
15          So we can come behind the contractor and run  
16          our primary cable through it to the  
17          transformer.

18    Q.    So if a customer has an existing underground  
19          right now which they own and maintain, are  
20          all of those things in place?

21    A.    (Parker) Yes. Currently that is still the  
22          same process. The only different process  
23          that's coming into this is we will now pull  
24          the secondary cable to the customer's home.

1 Q. I understand. What I'm trying to think about  
2 is the customers who maybe aren't part of a  
3 development. Are there customers who are not  
4 part of --

5 A. (Parker) It's actually not something a  
6 homeowner's going to do. They're still going  
7 to hire an electrician to put the pipe in the  
8 ground. They have to dig the trench and  
9 install the pipe. So it's not actually the  
10 homeowner that's going to do it, if that  
11 answers your question.

12 Q. I think I understand well enough to move on.  
13 Thank you.

14 A. (Parker) Okay.

15 Q. Ms. Tebbetts, back to you. I think that for  
16 line extensions now that are overhead,  
17 customers receive 300 feet without charge; is  
18 that correct?

19 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

20 Q. And under this proposal, I can't tell if  
21 underground customers are going to get a  
22 300-foot credit or if they're going to get a  
23 certain length that is given to them. Is  
24 there any credit for that 300 feet?



1 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. Let me -- I just want to  
2 point to the correct tariff page that  
3 addresses that.

4 Q. I think 60 or 77 might address it.

5 (Witness reviews document.)

6 A. (Tebbetts) Correct. Okay. So, depending on  
7 what kind of service they need that would  
8 have been overhead, we're going to credit  
9 them 300 feet.

10 Q. So when you say you're going to credit them  
11 300 feet, you're going to multiply the  
12 overhead rate at \$11.80 times 300 feet?

13 A. (Tebbetts) Assuming that the line's greater  
14 than 300 feet, yeah. It's not -- they're not  
15 getting 300 feet if it's 100 feet.

16 Q. Right.

17 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. So --

18 Q. Wait. Let me ask you a question about that.

19 So if you say it's \$11.80 per foot times  
20 300 feet, that's \$3,540 that you will  
21 dedicate to an overhead customer.

22 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

23 Q. Does the underground customer get \$3,540  
24 credited towards their underground

1 installation?

2 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

3 Q. The full 3,000, even --

4 A. (Tebbetts) Yeah. Well, no. Assuming that  
5 it's greater than -- yeah, because in your  
6 example, say they have a 400-foot line  
7 extension, so, yeah, they would get the  
8 dollar value, \$11.80 times 300, credited to  
9 the dollar value of the line extension based  
10 on the fees on Page 77.

11 Q. But what if the line extension is 200 feet?  
12 Do they get a 300-foot monetary credit?

13 A. (Tebbetts) No, they wouldn't get a 300-foot  
14 credit 'cause it's only a 200-foot line  
15 extension.

16 Q. Okay. Let me try to explain, not knowing the  
17 numbers. If you credit overhead customers  
18 effectively \$3,540, and you have a customer  
19 who wants to install an underground line  
20 extension that's 100 feet, and it costs  
21 \$3,540, do they have to pay anything?

22 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. They would get credit for up  
23 to that 100 feet.

24 Q. Why? Why is that fair?

1 A. (Tebbetts) Because the line extension  
2 overhead is a credit up to 300 feet. It is  
3 not for 300 feet.

4 Q. Okay.

5 A. (Tebbetts) So they are getting the exact same  
6 calculation, just different per-foot rates.

7 Q. Okay. Thank you.

8 For customers who have existing  
9 underground lines and they -- and if they're  
10 in failure and they pull it out and they ask  
11 you to put new facilities in so that you only  
12 maintain them, and they do all the conduit  
13 and the transformer pads and all the things  
14 we talked about, do they get a credit for the  
15 300 feet since they originally paid for the  
16 line extension?

17 A. (Tebbetts) Yeah. So it would fall under the  
18 new line-extension policy. They'd still get  
19 the credit. Nothing would change. The only  
20 time that would change is if a customer had  
21 an overhead service and they requested to go  
22 underground, they would not get a credit.

23 Q. Because they would not have paid for that  
24 overhead.

1 A. (Tebbetts) That's correct.

2 Q. Okay. Did I understand the tariff to allow  
3 the customer to install underground on  
4 private property, and turn ownership and  
5 maintenance over to the Company?

6 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. RSA 371:12 requires the  
7 company to allow a customer to hire a private  
8 contractor to do so and then turn it over to  
9 us, yes.

10 Q. So why hasn't that been the practice in the  
11 past?

12 A. (Tebbetts) Well, we actually never owned  
13 underground, so it wasn't an option to the  
14 customer to turn it over to us.

15 Q. Okay. Can you look at the tariff on Page 66?

16 A. (Tebbetts) Yes, I'm there.

17 Q. Can you explain "underground cost per  
18 center-line foot" to me?

19 A. (Tebbetts) So this is for residential  
20 developments, and it's a little -- what  
21 happens is on underground residential  
22 developments -- and Mr. Parker, correct me if  
23 I'm wrong -- but essentially what we're  
24 building here is actually the underground

1 system that would come from, I'll call it the  
2 main street, okay. So what we have to do is  
3 we have to now build the system to feed the  
4 services that are going to go to homes, which  
5 currently we would only build the center-line  
6 foot, which is just, I'll call it the "loop,"  
7 if it was in a cul-de-sac type of residential  
8 development that had underground service that  
9 came from a different road that was fed  
10 underground. And then beyond that you would  
11 have the services to the home. So the  
12 center-line foot is really just that "loop,"  
13 I'll call it, from Point A where it feeds in  
14 from our overhead system on a different main  
15 road to come around through to then go back  
16 out to that main road.

17 Q. Okay. Can you explain "calculated assuming  
18 all company facilities terminate within  
19 two feet of the roadway"?

20 A. (Tebbetts) What paragraph are you on? I'm  
21 sorry.

22 Q. Sorry. It's in the definition of  
23 "underground cost per center-line foot." And  
24 I just don't understand about terminating

1           within two feet of the roadway.

2       A.    (Tebbetts) So this is not a new policy. This  
3           has been our policy. And I can't answer as  
4           to why this policy has been in place for  
5           many, many years and why we determined to  
6           terminate within two feet of the roadway.

7                    The one thing that was, I can say,  
8           included as part of that, really, is the fact  
9           that we don't own services. So if we are  
10          putting in this underground system into a  
11          residential development where old homes are  
12          going to be underground, then at some point  
13          the contractor would have to come in and now  
14          install that underground service for the  
15          customer, whether it be through a developer  
16          or their own contractor. So we only own up  
17          to a certain point.

18                   And in this instance, in the future,  
19          once your service -- once you've now  
20          requested to have a service built for your  
21          home, because you have your underground  
22          system already built by the developer or us,  
23          it would actually fall under Policy 1 again.  
24          So there are two policies involved with

1           underground development now. So this just  
2           guides underground development primary for  
3           the roads underground. That's it.

4    Q.    Mr. Parker, do you have any idea what they're  
5           talking about, "two feet from the roadway"  
6           here?

7    A.    (Parker) I can only assume that it means that  
8           the primary facilities and handhold, a point  
9           of connection for the customer, would be  
10          within two feet of the roadway. So, in other  
11          words, they would have to put their handhold  
12          or foundation for the transformer within two  
13          feet of the roadway so we don't have to go  
14          through the woods, you know, 300 feet. It's  
15          just unreasonable --

16   Q.    Okay.

17   A.    (Parker) -- to provide service to that point.  
18          They have to bring their pipe so close to the  
19          road.

20   Q.    Okay. All right. Thank you. That's all I  
21          have.

22                                   CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Commissioner  
23                                   Giaino.

24   BY COMMISSIONER GIAIMO:

1 Q. Good afternoon.

2 A. (Tebbetts) Good afternoon.

3 A. (Parker) Good afternoon.

4 Q. Couple quick ones and then move on.

5 So the policy is being done for  
6 simplicity for the customer, as well as the  
7 Company. And also, just to make sure I  
8 understand this, it provides a consistent  
9 policy among all the electric utilities in  
10 the state; is that right?

11 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

12 Q. PSNH as well as -- okay. Thank you for  
13 clarifying that.

14 So there will be two positions, one in  
15 the Upper Valley and one in Southern New  
16 Hampshire?

17 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

18 Q. And those -- can you see that position  
19 lasting in perpetuity or --

20 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

21 Q. Yes?

22 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

23 Q. Oh, okay.

24 So, as I understand it, Liberty will



1 not, absent a failure from an existing  
2 underground customer, do anything. The  
3 customer will be responsible. When that does  
4 fail, the customer is responsible for  
5 removing that and then having new  
6 infrastructure put in?

7 A. (Tebbetts) Yes. So the customer is  
8 responsible for either getting rid of it,  
9 taking it out of the ground or, you know,  
10 abandoning it. And, you know, it essentially  
11 depends on the rules and regulations of their  
12 town and whatever their electrical codes are  
13 and stuff like that. We don't want to -- we  
14 put in here specifically "abandon" or  
15 "remove" purposefully because codes are  
16 different between towns.

17 Q. Okay. I just want to appreciate the credit.  
18 So if the underground -- if the new  
19 underground service costs \$4,000 and the  
20 above-ground credits gets you \$3,000, let's  
21 just say, the new customer is responsible for  
22 just a thousand?

23 A. (Tebbetts) Yes.

24 Q. Okay. Thanks.

1                   COMMISSIONER GIAIMO: That's all  
2 the questions.

3                   CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: I have no  
4 questions that haven't already been answered.

5                   Mr. Sheehan, do you have  
6 follow-up for the witnesses?

7                   MR. SHEEHAN: I do not.

8                   CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: All right.  
9 I think we'll let you stay where you are because  
10 this won't take long from here.

11                   Without objection, we'll  
12 strike I.D. of Exhibits 1, 2 and 3.

13                   Anything else we need to do  
14 before the parties sum up?

15                   MR. SHEEHAN: No, sir.

16                   CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Dexter.

17                   CLOSING STATEMENTS

18                   MR. DEXTER: We appreciate the  
19 Company's effort in putting this filing in,  
20 which was in compliance with the rate case  
21 settlement last year. We appreciate their  
22 willingness to extend what was in the settlement  
23 agreement to the commercial customers for the  
24 reasons stated by the witness. We believe that

1           this is in the public interest, and we request  
2           that the Commission approve the tariffs as  
3           filed.

4                           CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Mr. Sheehan.

5                           MR. SHEEHAN: I will echo what  
6           Mr. Dexter said and ask that you approve the  
7           tariff as filed in Exhibit 3. Thank you.

8                           CHAIRMAN HONIGBERG: Thank you,  
9           Mr. Sheehan.

10                           With that, we will close the  
11           record and close the hearing and take the  
12           matter under advisement and issue an order as  
13           quickly as we can. Thank you all.

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