



Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

DE 19-051

Reliability Enhancement Plan and Vegetation Management Plan Report

Staff Data Requests - Set 1

Date Request Received: 4/4/19
Request No. Staff 1-2

Date of Response: 4/10/19
Respondent: Heather Green

REQUEST:

In reference to Bates page 5 and beginning on line 16, the Liberty's actual spending level for CY2018 VMP was \$265,357 more than the Company's own designed CY2018 VMP budget. Please describe in detail any efforts Liberty took to limit actual spending to budgeted levels, including any reprioritization of projects.

RESPONSE:

As described in the response to Staff 1-1, Liberty's designed CY2018 VMP budget was \$1,851,000. The revised budget of \$1,677,086 was in response to Staff's request to reduce the budget.

In order to attempt to stay within budgeted levels, Liberty limited or deferred spending in the following categories:

1. Deferred non-critical unit price tree removals;
2. Deferred non-critical customer and trouble requests;
3. Deferred non-critical interim trim work;
4. Deferred non-critical right-of-way work; and
5. Deferred audit work by the work planners.

The cycle trimming work and traffic control were not items that could be limited. However, the Company directed and emphasized the continued need for Asplundh to be judicious in allocation of traffic detail, i.e., the minimal use of traffic details while not compromising safety.