

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE BEFORE THE
NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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

Request for Change in Rates

Docket No. DE 19-064

Technical Statement of Heather M. Tebbetts

November 22, 2019

A. Purpose of Technical Statement

On April 30, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. (“Liberty” or “the Company”) filed testimony and schedules requesting changes to the Company’s permanent rates. As part of that filing, Liberty provided a redlined version of proposed Tariff NHPUC No. 21. During the course of discovery in this docket, changes or modifications to the tariff were identified that require revision to certain pages. This technical statement addresses those changes and provides supporting information along with both redlined and clean versions of the affected tariff pages.

B. Description of Revisions to Proposed Tariff No. 21

i. Original Page 76 – Line Extension Schedule of Fees Policy 1 (Residential)

The current underground line extension tariff was approved in Docket No. DE 17-149 and since its approval the Company has found charging a per foot cost based on the amperage of the service inconsistent with how it designs its services. Charging for the services based on phase, rather than amperage, is clearer to engineers and customers. The change to the tariff provides that all single phase underground services will pay the average cost per foot of the service, but still receive the standard 300 foot credit. Any customer requesting three phase service will receive the standard 300 feet for free, but pay the actual cost for that line extension above and beyond that credit of 300 feet because a three phase service for a residential customer is not a standard service. The Company has added the single phase and three phase distinction for overhead services, as well, to be clearer as to a customer’s payment responsibilities. This adjustment has also been made for Policy 2 (Residential Developments) to clearly state a developer’s payment responsibilities. Please see Attachment HMT-CU-1 for the redlined and clean tariff pages.

ii. Original Page 116 – Rate LED-1

The Company has chosen to install Eaton Cooper light fixtures instead of fixtures

manufactured GE due to the lower cost of the Eaton Cooper fixtures. The Company has calculated lower rates associated with these lights due to lower fixture costs, along with lower maintenance costs, as provided in Attachment HMT-CU-2. The Company is also removing the LED 190 watt option from its tariff because none of our customers have shown interest in it. We are also renaming the barn light and replacing it with a Caretaker light. The Company didn't rename the light during the last rate case and is taking the opportunity now to do so. This light is designed to be used on secondary roadways and parking areas, mostly residential areas, and geared to replace 50, 70 and 100 watt high pressure sodium fixtures.