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Re: Docket No. DE 19-064; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities; Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rates; Request to Change Hearing Date

Dear Ms. Howland:

The Commission Staff, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), the City of Lebanon (Lebanon), Clean Energy NH (CENH) and the Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) (collectively "the parties") continue to pursue a comprehensive settlement of this matter and substantial progress has been made towards that end. In a letter dated March 27, 2020, at the request of the parties, the Commission scheduled a hearing in this docket for April 7, 2020 to consider a settlement that was being worked on.

On March 13, 2020, Governor Sununu declared a state of emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Thereafter, Liberty agreed to waive its statutory right to a 12-month investigation period into the proposed tariff in this matter, the timeframe set out in RSA 378.6.1(a). Liberty agreed to implement its permanent rates for effect July 1, 2020. Liberty will continue to bill the temporary rates approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,267, which established temporary rates for effect July 1, 2019, for the duration of this permanent rate investigation.

To allow the settlement negotiations to conclude, Staff requests that the Commission amend the current schedule by canceling the hearing set for April 7 and scheduling a hearing during the week of May 4 to consider a settlement on permanent rates to be effective July 1, 2020.

Liberty, OCA, the City of Lebanon, CENH and NHDES concur with this request.

In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this will be filed electronically only at this time.

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Sincerely,

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