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

DE 19-064
Distribution Service Rate Case
2019 Step Adjustment

Staff Data Requests - Set 2

Date Request Received: 6/5/20
Request No. Staff 2-3

Date of Response: 6/15/20
Respondent: Heather M. Tebbetts
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REQUEST:

Please provide any information that has become known since the Company's rebuttal testimony in DE 19-064 was submitted that supports or does not support Liberty's continuation of the plan to build the 115kV system and the continued expansion and additions to Golden Rock Substation.

RESPONSE:

For the south parcel, there have been little to no changes to the total load expected of 14–15 MW.

For the north parcel, there have been significant changes to the load expected of 2 MW. The new load assumption for the north parcel is now about 4 MW. The changes include:

- Dolben and Blackbrook housing, collectively, were originally estimated at [REDACTED] kW. The new estimated load is [REDACTED] kW as both added more apartments than originally planned. The Dolben housing was in service in 2018. Blackbrook phase 1 went into service in 2019, phase 2 will be in service in 2020, and phase 3 will be in service in 2021.
- Market Basket was anticipated at [REDACTED] kW. The new estimated load is [REDACTED] kW. The original load estimate was based on other stores in smaller markets. Market Basket went into service in 2019.
- HomeSense was anticipated to be [REDACTED] kW. The new estimated load is [REDACTED] kW. The original load estimate was based on other stores. HomeSense went into service in 2019.
- Sierra Trading was anticipated to be [REDACTED] kW. The new estimated load is [REDACTED] kW. The original load estimate was based on other stores. Sierra Trading is completed and went into service in 2020, but the store has not yet opened due to the Governor's Stay At Home order, which is currently in place until June 15, 2020.
- There are two new retail stores that were not anticipated in the original estimates, which have estimated loads of 71 kW and 56 kW.

- The north parcel expected a coffee shop using about 8 kW. However, Starbucks came in, utilized more space, and added a retail area, thus their load is expected to be █ kW rather than 8 kW.
- The north parcel expected a small bank using about 8 kW to open, but that location instead will include four retail stores, expected to use a total of 30 kW.
- The original load estimates for the two restaurants that are planned for the area were 65 kW and 100 kW. The updated load estimates are 87 kW and 127 kW.
- Liberty was notified a few weeks ago that an area around 35 North Broadway will be redeveloped for mixed use by Tuscan Village, adding 378 kW. There was a Sal’s Pizza located there, which has since been torn down. The prior load at that location was about 50 kW, for a net load increase of 328 kW. Three buildings are planned -- one will be a restaurant, and the other two will be mixed use with retail below and residential above.
- Outside of the Tuscan Village, the Company received a request in the early spring of 2020 regarding expansion of a large customer’s operations. The load increase is about 3 MW.

The updated estimate for Tuscan Village north parcel is shown below, an increase of 1,472 kW, plus the 3 MW non-Tuscan load noted above, for a total increase of load to the area of 4,472 kW.

| Customer | Anticipated kW Demand | ORIGINAL ESTIMATE kW |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Dolben 1 | █ | █ |
| Blackbrook | █ | included above |
| Ford | █ | █ |
| Market Basket | █ | █ |
| Home Sense | █ | █ |
| Sierra | █ | █ |
| MB Retail 3 | 71 | not in list |
| MB Retail 4 | 56 | not in list |
| Starbucks & Retail | █ | 8 |
| Retail 1 - 4 | 30 | 8 |
| Restaurant 1 | 87 | 65 |
| Restaurant 2 | 127 | 100 |
| 35 N Broadway | 378 | 0 |
| Total Tuscan | 3,961 | 2,489 |
| Difference | 1,472 | |
| Customer Request | 3,000 | 0 |
| Area Total | 6,961 | 2,489 |
| Final Difference | 4,472 | |

The shaded or redacted information above is confidential customer usage information, protected from disclosure by RSA 91-A:5, IV, and RSA 363:38. Therefore, pursuant to Puc 203.08(d), the Company has a good faith basis to seek confidential treatment of this information, and will submit a motion seeking confidential treatment prior to the final hearing in this docket.