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Via Electronic Mail Only

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Docket No. DE 19-064; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules**

Dear Ms. Howland:

In the order approving the Company's step increase in the above docket, the Commission stated as follows:

Given the significant costs projected to serve Salem, and to allow Staff and others to monitor the situation in Salem as circumstances unfold, we direct Liberty to file in this docket the information that Staff and Liberty indicated was forthcoming: [1] the updated Salem Area Study, [2] all the asset condition reports concerning Baron Avenue and Salem Depot, and [3] a detailed forecast of Tuscan Village and other Salem load with as much detail as needed to support the forecast. In addition, in order to aid Staff and others in evaluating the asset condition reports, we require Liberty to file [4] any and all existing substation standards, policies, and procedures. Such information must be provided by September 1, 2020, and if the information is not available at that time, then, Liberty must seek an extension of this filing deadline and provide good reasons why the information is not available.

Order No. 26,337 at 11 (July 31, 2020).

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp., and in compliance with the above order, enclosed please find the following:

1. A confidential version and a redacted version of the *Salem Area Study 2020* (the "Salem Study"), with attachments (Bates 001 through 245), which is the updated Salem Area Study using the revised planning criteria that were approved in this docket, and which includes assessment of Plan One, the plan recommended by Staff;

2. Asset condition reports for the Baron Avenue and Salem Depot substations, which are attached to the Salem Study and identified as Annexes A, B, C, D, and E;
3. The most recent load forecast for the Tuscan Village development, which is provided in Table 5 of the Salem Study, at Bates 014; and
4. All existing substation standards, policies, and procedures, which are contained in the documents titled *Substation Policies – Liberty* (Bates II-001 through II-073) and *Substation Policies – N Grid* (Bates III-001 through III-254).

Substation Policies – Liberty contains the seven existing substation procedures that have been updated in recent years. The Company's Operations – Electric Substation group utilizes these seven documents for procedures to maintain the Company's substations, along with older National Grid procedures. The fourteen other procedures, contained in *Substation Policies – N Grid*, while still valid, are in the process of being updated through the Company's ongoing review of all substation policies through a Modality Team throughout its electric territories, including New Hampshire, Missouri, and California. Due to the significant amount of review necessary to complete these procedures, the Company is in the process of hiring a consultant to complete the revisions to be reviewed by the Modality Team. At this time, the Company does not have a timeline for when the remaining procedures will be finalized, but will file them as they are completed.

Finally, enclosed is a *Motion for Confidential Treatment* of protected customer information contained in Table 5 of the Salem Study.

Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020, directive, only an electronic version of this letter and the attached documents will be filed.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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