

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 19-120

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP.
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

2019 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On July 15, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a petition for approval of its 2019 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:38 and Order No. 26,039 (July 10, 2017), as modified by Order No. 26,261 (June 14, 2019), which granted a partial waiver of Liberty's 2019 LCIRP filing requirement and extended the filing deadline to July 15, 2019. Liberty also filed a motion for confidential treatment regarding the LCIRP filing.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-120.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether Liberty's planning process is adequate, in light of the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and RSA 378:39, as amended; and whether Liberty's filing adequately addresses the Commission's requirements set forth in Order Nos. 26,039 and 26,261. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on September 25, 2019, at 10:00 am, at which each party will provide a preliminary

statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is


FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Liberty, the Staff of the Commission, and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than September 11, 2019, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 20, 2019; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of Consumer Advocate on or before September 20, 2019, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before September 25, 2019.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this thirtieth day of August, 2019.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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