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December 7, 2022

Erica L. Menard Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs Liberty Utilities 15 Buttrick Road Londonderry, NH 03053

Re: Docket No. DE 17-189/ Petition to Approve Battery Storage Pilot Program

Tariff Pages: 13th rev pg 125; 14th rev pg 126

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: November 1, 2022

Docket No. DE 19-064/ Distribution Service Rate Case

Tariff Pages: 13th rev pg 123; 15th rev pg 127

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Docket No. DE 20-170/ Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates Tariff Pages: 15th rev pg 127; 2nd rev pg 128, 129, 133

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Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: November 1, 2022

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filings received on November 8, 2022, and revised on February 24, 2023, in the above-captioned proceedings. Employees were unable to determine whether the rate changes in these three filings accurately reflected the changes approved in the respective Commission orders. Therefore, on March 22, 2023, the Commission issued a procedural order in all three dockets scheduling a public technical session with Liberty's staff to review the materials supporting the rate changes. The rates in the three compliance filings are therefore approved on a temporary, interim, and provisional basis, until the Commission finalizes its review and confirms the permanent rates in effect, and are subject to reconciliation.

A copy of this letter is being entered into the above-captioned dockets. In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time.

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Sincerely,

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DE 17-189

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY Petition to Approve Battery Storage Pilot Program

DE 19-064

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules

DE 20-170

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates

Procedural Order Re: DOE Input on Liberty's Technical Session Summary

On March 29, 2023, the Commission held a public technical session to discuss Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty)'s compliance tariff filings in Docket Nos. DE 17-189, DE 19-064, and DE 20-170. Representatives of the Commission, Liberty, and the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) were in attendance. On April 11, 2023, Liberty submitted a letter outlining its understanding of how it should file compliance tariffs in the future based on the discussions at the technical session and the Commission's rules. The Commission requests that the DOE review Liberty's letter and confirm whether it accurately conveys the DOE's understanding of how Liberty should file compliance tariffs. The Commission requests that the DOE file a response to Liberty's letter by May 3, 2023.

So ordered, this twenty-first day of April, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner Presiding Officer Chairman

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August 4, 2022

Ms. Heather M. Tebbetts Manager, Rates & Regulatory Affairs Liberty Utilities 15 Buttrick Road Londonderry, New Hampshire 03053

Re: DE 20-170

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates

Tariff Pages: Orig pg 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: July 10, 2022

Dear Ms. Tebbetts:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on July 6, 2022, in the above-captioned proceeding and provisionally confirm compliance with Puc 1603 filing requirements.

The Commission request that the Company file in this docket a comparison between the rates and rate ratios presented in this filling and the illustrative rates and rate ratios shown in *DE 20-170 Exhibit 24 Revised, Attachment A Illustrative Rates*. Please include all necessary supporting documentation in live spreadsheet form, and provide a justification for any changes which have occurred between the fillings.

A copy of this letter is being entered into the docket and the tariff filing will be placed in our permanent file.

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

Please contact me at (603) 271-2437 or e-mail me at <u>Jennifer.R.Booth@puc.nh.gov</u> if I can be of future assistance.

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RE: DE 22-024 Default Service Solicitations (2022)

Need for Redline Version

Dear Mr. Hall:

Reference is made to Liberty Utilities' compliance Tariff filing made in the above-captioned docket on June 29, 2022, at 1:53 p.m., pursuant to the terms of Order No. 26,643 (June 20, 2022).

Upon review, the Commission has determined that the means used by Liberty Utilities to indicate changes in its Tariff language is not in compliance with the requirements of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1603.05(b), which states that "additions or deletions shall be clearly annotated or marked," insofar as no "Redline" version, indicating additions and deletions, was supplied with its Tariff filing of June 29, 2022. The Commission understands that the Company has relied on N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1605.02(a)(2) in its insistence that no Redline version is required, but this reliance is not a correct interpretation of the Commission's Rules. The Commission requires a Redline version of final compliance Tariff filings to confirm accuracy of changes and conformance with what was proposed by the Company in the underlying proceeding.

In future, <u>for all compliance Tariff filings</u>, Liberty Utilities should supply a Redline marked version that it, and other utilities, have traditionally included for final compliance Tariff filings. An example of this method is provided as an attachment to this letter, which the Company has used recently in its filing made in Docket No. DG 20-105 on May 5, 2022, at 3:55 p.m.

Liberty Utilities shall file a Redline version of its Tariff in the above-referenced matter within five (5) business days of the date of this letter, or by the close of business on August 5, 2022.

Sincerely,

/s/*Sennifer Booth*

Jennifer Booth
Tariff Administrator

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14 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICE: MEDIUM ANNUAL USE, LOW WINTER USE RATE CLASSIFICATION NO. G-52

Availability

This rate is for commercial, industrial and public authority customers in locations served by the Company's mains and for which the Company's facilities are adequate. A customer receiving service under this rate must have annual usage greater than 10,000 therms and less than or equal to 100,000 therms and a Winter Period usage less than 67% of annual usage as determined by the Company's records and procedures.

Character of Service

Natural gas or equivalent will be supplied at a thermal content of nominally one (1) therm in each one hundred (100) cubic feet. Should the customer's consumption fail to meet the availability requirements for this rate, the customer's service will be transferred to the otherwise applicable tariff as described under the terms and conditions of this tariff.

Delivery Charge

Customer Charge Per Meter: \$5.7063 per day or \$171.19 per 30 day month

Winter Period: First 1000* therms per 30 day month at \$0.2428 per therm

All over 1000 therms per 30 day month at \$0.1617 per therm

Summer Period: First 1000* therms per 30 day month at \$0.1759 per therm

*The number of therms billed in the first block will be calculated by multiplying the therms in the first block of the rate by a fraction the numerator of which is the number of days in the billing period and the denominator of which is 30.

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The above rates shall be adjusted to reflect the recovery of all applicable taxes. The Winter Period shall be the months of November through April inclusive. The Summer Period shall be the months of May through October inclusive.

Supplier Charges

If the customer purchases its gas from a third party, supplier charges will be as agreed upon between the customer and the third party supplier and will be billed directly by the third party supplier. If the customer does not purchase its gas from a third party, the gas supplied by the Company will be subject to a per therm cost of gas rate. The cost of gas rate is not included in the delivery charge presented above. Refer to the Firm Rate Schedules which present both the delivery charge and cost of gas rates.

Other Charges for Delivery Service

The customer must also pay such charges and adjustments as are set forth in the Company's Local Distribution Adjustment Clause, as in effect from time to time and on file with the Commission. The delivery charge presented above is exclusive of these charges. Refer to Page 90 or 91 of this Tariff for firm rate schedules which present both the delivery charge and the LDAC rates.

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When the Company establishes or re-establishes a gas service account for a customer at a meter location, a meter account charge is incurred in addition to all other charges. The meter account charge is \$20.00 when the visit to the meter location is scheduled at the mutual convenience of the Company and the customer. Otherwise, the charge is \$30.00.

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14 COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SERVICE: MEDIUM ANNUAL USE, LOW WINTER USE RATE CLASSIFICATION NO. G-52

Availability

This rate is for commercial, industrial and public authority customers in locations served by the Company's mains and for which the Company's facilities are adequate. A customer receiving service under this rate must have annual usage greater than 10,000 therms and less than or equal to 100,000 therms and a Winter Period usage less than 67% of annual usage as determined by the Company's records and procedures.

Character of Service

Natural gas or equivalent will be supplied at a thermal content of nominally one (1) therm in each one hundred (100) cubic feet. Should the customer's consumption fail to meet the availability requirements for this rate, the customer's service will be transferred to the otherwise applicable tariff as described under the terms and conditions of this tariff.

Delivery Charge

Customer Charge Per Meter: \$5.7063 per day or \$171.19 per 30 day month

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 22-024

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

2022 Default Service Solicitations

Procedural Order Re: Compliance Tariff Filing

On January 18, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) submitted a compliance tariff filing in this docket pursuant to Order Nos. 26,752 and 26,758. Specifically, Liberty submitted: the First Revised Page 26, the Sixth Revised Page 27, the Fourteenth Revised Pages 123 and 125, the Sixteenth Revised Page 126, the Seventeenth Revised Page 127, and the Third Revised Pages 129 and 133. With the exceptions of the First Revised Page 26 and the Sixth Revised Page 27, the revised tariff pages Liberty filed are updates to earlier revisions in other dockets that the Commission has not yet approved. The filing history of these pages is indicated in the following chart:

DE 22-024	DE 22-052	DE 19-064	DE 17-189	DE 20-170
Filed: 01/18/23	Filed: 02/13/23	Filed: 11/08/22	Filed: 11/08/22	Filed: 11/08/22
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The Commission notes that, with respect to the revised tariff pages in Docket Nos. DE 17-189, DE 19-064, and DE 20-170, the Commission issued a tariff non-compliance letter applicable to all three dockets on December 7, 2022. That letter indicated that the Commission was unable to find those filings compliant based on the information Liberty

had submitted and requested that Liberty file additional documents to support its filings. Liberty has not yet responded to that letter. The Commission now directs Liberty to respond to the December 7, 2022 non-compliance letter no later than February 24, 2023.

Liberty submitted a corrected tariff filing in Docket No. DE 22-052 on February 13, 2023. The Commission is currently reviewing these pages to ensure compliance with the Commission's rules.

The Commission cannot approve the tariff filing in Docket No. DE 22-024 that Liberty submitted on January 18, 2023 because the revised pages incorporate changes made in preceding revised pages that have not yet been approved by the Commission. Accordingly, the Commission finds the January 18, 2023 filing provisionally noncompliant. The Commission will review this filing for compliance after it receives Liberty's response to the December 7, 2022 non-compliance letter and finds all preceding revised tariff pages compliant with the Commission's rules.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of February, 2023.

Chairman

Commissioner

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DE 22-024

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

2022 Default Service Solicitations

Order Approving Updated Rates for Large Customer Group and EV-TOU Default Service Customers

ORDER NO. 26,779

February 28, 2023

This order approves reduced energy service rates¹ for effect for the two-month period of March 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023, for certain categories of Liberty commercial customers, and reduced Electric Vehicle Time-of-Use Rates to be applied through July 31, 2023.

The table below summarizes the updated, reduced rates to be charged to Large Customer Group customers on Liberty Default Service for these two months. These per kilowatt hour (kWh) rates vary by service month, as is the usual practice for Large Customer Group rates. These rates include a charge of 0.781 cents per kWh for Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) compliance costs, which is unchanged from the terms of Order No. 26,758 (January 13, 2023). (Ancillary charges of 0.346 per kWh, as approved in Order No. 26,758, are also unchanged).

Medium & Large Commercial (Large Customer Group) Rates

	Effective date	Power Supply Charge	RPS	Other Charges	Total kWh charge
March	March 1, 2023	\$0.07253	\$0.00781	\$0.00346	\$0.08380
April	April 1, 2023	\$0.05897	\$0.00781	\$0.00346	\$0.07024

¹ Bills for customers on default service are composed of three parts: power supply, transmission, and distribution. The energy service rates for default service customers refer to the power supply component only.

These reduced rates are the result of a significant reduction in ISO-New England (ISO-NE) regional market electricity prices during the month of February, resulting in a significant overcollection by the Company. As approved by Order No. 26,758, Liberty procures load for these customers primarily through ISO-NE Day-Ahead Market purchases, the prices for which track prevailing market conditions. The New Hampshire electric utilities' power procurement processes for their default service customers are currently being investigated by the Commission in Docket No. IR 22-053.

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The procedural history for the earlier phases of this proceeding is summarized in Orders No. 26,752 and No. 26,758. At the conclusion of the Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or the Company) RFP process for its entire Default Service Customer load, no bids were received for the Company's winter 2023 (February-April) load block for its Large Customer Group (Block A). Order No. 26,752 at 5. In its Default Service Petition, filed on December 16, 2022, and at the December 20, 2022, hearing for this matter, the Company advocated for a second RFP to serve Block A, and to prepare for contingencies, sought Commission approval for preparatory work for acquiring power supply for Block A directly from the ISO-NE electricity market. Id. at 7. The Commission granted these Liberty requests in Order No. 26,752, and approved the resultant rates, and the direct-market procurement approach ultimately embarked on by Liberty, in Order No. 26,758. (The Large Customer Group load for the subsequent May-July 2023 period, "Block B," was successfully contracted for in the Company's December 2022 RFP solicitation, and the resultant rates were approved by the Commission in Order No. 26,752. These rates are not changed by this Order).

On February 23, 2023, Liberty filed a request to schedule a hearing regarding a proposed reduction in Block A rates in advance of March 1. The Commission granted this request in a procedural order on February 24, 2023, which scheduled a continued hearing regarding Block A rates on February 28, 2023. This February 28 hearing was held as scheduled, where representatives of the Company and the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) appeared.

On February 24, 2023, Liberty filed its petition regarding its proposed reduction in Block A Default Service rates with the Commission. Liberty's filing included the prefiled Technical Statement and schedules of John D. Warshaw, Manager, Electric Supply for Liberty Utilities Service Corp., and James M. King, Analyst II, Rates and Regulatory Affairs for Liberty Utilities Service Corp. Mr. King provided additional oral testimony in support of the Company's petition at hearing, together with Mr. Aaron Doll, Senior Director, Energy and Strategy, at Liberty Utilities Service Corp., appearing remotely from Missouri pursuant to a Commission procedural order granting the Company's motion for remote participation on February 28, 2023. Mr. Doll also adopted Mr. Warshaw's Technical Statement and attachments at hearing, as Mr. Warshaw could not attend.

Certain schedules included in Liberty's filings contain information that Liberty claims is confidential pursuant to the New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 201.06 and 201.07. The Commission treated this material confidentially at the February 28, 2023, public hearing, discussed below, as being within the scope of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 201.06(a)(15), subject to the proviso that the redactions could be updated or corrected by the Company as appropriate.

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted

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on the Commission's website at

https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2022/22-024.html

II. POSITIONS

A. Liberty

On February 24, 2023, Liberty filed its petition for a downward adjustment in Block A rates for the months of March and April, 2023. In his Technical Statement, Hearing Exhibit 9, Mr. Warshaw stated that the ISO-NE market prices for electricity have decreased "significantly" in recent weeks, resulting in an expected overcollection for February for Block A customers of approximately \$2.8 million. Hearing Exhibit 9 at Bates Page 1. To ameliorate the potential for future overcollections in March and April, the Company proposed a sharp reduction in Block A rates to reflect the new ISO-NE market environment, through the application of revised market pricing projections. *Id.*

As approved in past Commission orders for this proceeding, Liberty would reconcile its costs for serving Block A load with the revenue received from these Large Customer Group customers. This reconciliation would take place as part of the annual Energy Service petition to be filed by the Company in May 2023, for reconciliation factor rates to take effect on August 1, 2023. (*See* Technical Statement of James King, Hearing Exhibit 9, Bates Pages 6-7). Further technical details regarding the proposed ISO-NE energy acquisition process by the Company are presented in Messrs.

Warshaw's and King's Technical Statements and attachments, Hearing Exhibit 9.

At hearing, the Company requested approval of its adjusted Block A rates, and requested additional time for the filing of a compliance Tariff for the implementation of the rates proposed therein, to accommodate other related Tariff review processes that are currently ongoing before the Commission. The Company also expressed its

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willingness to work with the DOE to ensure that the upcoming annual reconciliation process for Default Service would work smoothly in light of recent developments.

As discussed in Mr. King's Technical Statement, Hearing Exhibit 9, Bates Pages 5-6, Liberty also proposed adjustments to its EV-L and EV-M Commercial Time of Use (TOU) rates as part of its petition, which are presented below:

EV-L Commercial EV TOU Charging Rates (per kWh)

Period	Critical Peak	Mid Peak	Off Peak
Winter (March 23-Apr 23)	\$0.20404	\$0.16455	\$0.15863
Summer (May 23-Jul 23)	\$0.67813	\$0.16928	\$0.13213

EV-M Commercial EV TOU Charging Rates (per kWh)

Period	Critical Peak	Mid Peak	Off Peak
Winter (March 23-Apr 23)	\$0.20393	\$0.16427	\$0.15879
Summer (May 23-Jul 23)	\$0.67524	\$0.16626	\$0.13092

B. DOE

The DOE stated at hearing that it supported Commission approval of the Company's proposed reduction in the default service rates for the Large Customer Group, Block A, as filed, and also supported approved of the adjusted EV-TOU rates. The DOE also commended Liberty for its responsiveness in quickly adjusting these rates in response to market conditions and indicated its willingness to work with Liberty to oversee the annual reconciliation process for the coming rate year.

III. COMMISSION ANALYSIS

We find that the Company's proposed reduced rates for Block A load are just, reasonable, and in the public interest, and we will therefore approve them. We commend Liberty and DOE for responding to the changes in market conditions through the development of this filing and preparing for the upcoming reconciliation proceeding. We will also grant the Company additional time to file its compliance Tariff

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filing (45 days), to accommodate simultaneous Tariff review processes that are ongoing, as just, reasonable, and in the public interest.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Default Service rates presented by Liberty in this instant proceeding for serving its Large Customer Group, Block A, load, for the period of March 1, 2023, through April 30, 2023, are hereby APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Liberty's proposed revised EV-L and EV-M

Commercial TOU Charging Rates are APPROVED as delineated in the Company's petition and this order; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Liberty shall file conforming tariff pages, incorporating the new energy service rates, all as approved herein, within forty-five (45) days of this Order, or no later than <u>April 14, 2023</u>, and as consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules, Puc 1603.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentyeighth day of February, 2023.

> Daniel C. Goldner Chairman

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May 15, 2023

James M. King Rates Analyst II, Rates & Regulatory Affairs Liberty Utilities 15 Buttrick Rd. Londonderry, NH 03053

Re: Docket No. DE 22-024

2022 Default Service Solicitations

Tariff Pages: 7th rev pg 27; 17th rev pg 126; 18th rev pg 127; 4th rev pgs 129, 133

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: March 1, 2023

Dear Mr. King:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on April 14, 2023 in the above-captioned proceeding. As this filing incorporates changes from previous filings still under review, the Commission cannot confirm compliance at this time. After completing their review of the previous filings, Commission staff members will finalize their review and confirm compliance in this filing.

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

Please e-mail me at tariffs@puc.nh.gov if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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Re: Docket No. DE 22-035

Request for Step Adjustment

Tariff Pages: 8th rev pg 90, 91, 92, 93, 96; 3rd rev pg 97; 7th rev pg 98, 99; 3rd rev pg 100; 8th rev pg 101, 104, 107; 7th rev pg 108; 5th rev pg 109, 110; 7th rev pg 114; 5th rev pg 115, 116; 7th rev pg 121; 4th rev pg 122; 15th rev pgs 123, 125; 17th rev pg 126; 18th rev pg 127;

3rd rev pg 128; 4th rev pgs 129, 133; 2nd rev pg 134.

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Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates Tariff Pages: Original pgs 128, 133 Effective Date: July 10, 2023

Tariff Pages: 15th rev pg 127; 2nd rev pgs 128, 133

Effective Date: November 1, 2023

Docket No. DE 22-035 Request for Step Adjustment Tariffs Pages: 1st rev pgs 128, 133 Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Filings received: April 13, 2023

Docket No. DE 23-006

Request for Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor Refund

Tariff Pages: 8th rev pgs 90, 91, 92, 93, 96; 7th rev pg 99; 8th rev pgs 101, 104, 107, 108; 7th rev pgs 114, 121; 15th rev pgs 123, 125; 17th rev pg 126; 18th rev pg 127; 4th rev pgs 129,

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Effective Date: March 1, 2023 Filing received: April 14, 2023

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed these filings in view of the correction Liberty Utilities (Liberty) made regarding an erroneous addition of the fixed customer charge to calculate Rate G-1 and Rate G-2 revenues. While Liberty appropriately addressed this error, Commission staff members are unable to validate the ultimate rates in each of these filings from the Excel models Liberty provided.

In the tariff filing in Docket No. DE 22-035, with an effective date of August 1, 2022, Liberty provided updated EV-L and EV-M rate design models. However, when tracing the source information for the input in the "Liberty Distribution Revenues" tab for either of the Excel models, staff members were unable to fully validate the current rates for the G-1 and G-2 classes that Liberty used to calculate the rates on Pages 128 and 133. It is also unclear why the new rates on Page 128 in Docket No. DE 22-035 are the exact same as the Original Page 128 that was issued on July 6, 2022 under Docket No. DE 20-170, whereas the latter was further updated on April 13, 2023 to reflect the latest error corrections.

In the tariff filings in Docket No. DE 20-170, with effective dates of July 10, 2022 and November 1, 2022, respectively, Liberty did not provide EV-L and EV-M rate design models that would help trace the updated rates. Accordingly, Commission staff members were unable to verify the rates in these tariff filings and would benefit from an explanation of the changes and how they mapped over time.

In light of the above, the Commission requests that Liberty provide the following additional material:

- In <u>Docket No. DE 22-035</u>: (i) a summary table correctly linking and sourcing the input for the G-1 and G-2 revenues used in the associated EV-L and EV-M models; and (ii) a written explanation that points to the exact tab/row/column to refer to in the source spreadsheets.
- In <u>Docket No. DE 20-170</u>, for both the July 10, 2022 and November 1, 2022 filings; (i) associated EV-L and EV-M rate design models; (ii) summary tables linking and sourcing the input for the G-1 and G-2 revenues used in the EV-L and EV-M models; and (iii) a written explanation that points to the exact tab/row/column to refer to in the source spreadsheets.
- A list of any other dockets that may be affected by the original correction, which Commission staff understand includes the tariff filing in <u>Docket No. DE 23-006</u> (effective date March 1, 2023). For each affected docket, Liberty should file the associated models to support the rate change with sufficient information for the Commission to validate the rate changes.

The Commission requests that Liberty file all associated models in one filing, with an overarching cover letter summarizing and mapping each change to facilitate the Commission's review. In the event that the filings remain unclear, the Commission may request another technical session in order to understand the flow of these latest changes.

In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time. Please contact me at (603) 271-6044 or e-mail me at tariffs@puc.nh.gov if I can be of future assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben Martin-Mc Donough

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE **PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 20-170

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates

DE 22-035

Request for Step Increase

DE 23-006

Request for Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor Refund LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

Procedural Order Re: Tariff Compliance

On May 15, 2023, the Commission ordered Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) to provide additional information to support its April 13 and 14, 2023 tariff filings in each of the dockets listed above. The Commission directs Liberty to either provide this information or file notice to the Commission about how it intends to address the May 15, 2023 directive by June 15, 2023.

So ordered, this ninth day of June, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner

Pradip K. Chattopadhyay Chairman Commissioner

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 20-170

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates

DE 22-035

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

Request for Step Increase

Procedural Order Re: Compliance Tariff Report

On August 17, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty), the New Hampshire Department of Energy, and Commission staff attended a public technical session to resolve questions about how Liberty has calculated its EV-L and EV-M rates starting with the original rate effective July 10, 2022. At the session, Liberty agreed to file a report with a detailed explanation of how the Commission can validate the EV-L and EV-M rates, including the original rate and all changes in subsequent compliance tariffs, based on the information Liberty has filed with the Commission. Liberty also agreed to add a list of all outstanding compliance tariffs that have been affected by the issues related to the EV-L and EV-M rates for the Commission to review and approve, and to provide a recommended sequencing for Commission review of these tariffs. The Commission requests that Liberty file this report by August 24, 2023.

So ordered, this eighteenth day of August, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner Presiding Officer

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 22-052

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

Request for Approval of Revenue Decoupling Adjustment

DE 22-081

ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES

2023 Adjustments to the Energy Efficiency Portion of System Benefits Charges and Local Distribution Adjustment Charges

Procedural Order Re: Liberty's Compliance Tariff Filings

On January 5, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) submitted a compliance tariff filing in Docket No. DE 22-052 pursuant to Order No. 26,748. That same day, Liberty submitted a compliance tariff filing in Docket No. DE 22-081 pursuant to Order No. 26,745. In both filings, Liberty submitted redlined versions of the revised tariff pages. To facilitate Commission review of compliance tariff filings, redlined versions of revised tariff pages should demonstrate all the changes from the superseded tariff page indicated in the header, including changes to the header, footer, and body of the page. Liberty's redlined versions in these filings do not do so. For example, many redlined versions do not demonstrate any changes to the header or body of the page. In addition, many of the redlined versions appear to update a different document than the superseded tariff page indicated in the header. To allow the Commission to efficiently and accurately review the revised tariff pages, the Commission directs Liberty to resubmit redlined versions of each of the tariff pages submitted in these filings. Liberty must comply with this order no later than February 13, 2023.

As the Commission cannot accurately and efficiently review the tariff compliance filings without the requested redlined versions, the Commission finds the January 5, 2023 filings in both Docket Nos. DE 22-052 and DE 22-081 provisionally non-compliant. The Commission will review these filings for compliance after receiving the requested redlined versions.

So ordered, this second day of February, 2023.

Daniel C. Goldner Chairman

Pradip K. Chattopadhyay

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March 15, 2023

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Re: Docket No. DE 22-052

Petition for Adjustment to 2022-2023 Stranded Cost Recovery Charge Tariff Pages: Orig pg 3A; 3rd rev pg 21; 1st rev pgs 21A, 21B, 21C; 2nd rev pg 21D; 1st rev pg 21E; 7th rev pgs 90, 91, 92, 93, 96; 6th rev pg 98; 7th rev pgs 101, 104, 107; 15th rev pg 126; 16th rev pg 127; Orig pgs 138, 139, 140, 141

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on February 13, 2023 in the above-captioned proceeding. Commission staff confirmed that these revised pages accurately reflect the rate changes approved in Order No. 26,748 and comply with Puc 1603 filing requirements. However, with respect to the Fifteenth Revised Page 126 and the Sixteenth Revised Page 127, this approval is provisional until the Commission reviews and approves the Fourteenth Revised Page 126 and the Fifteenth Revised Page 127 that Liberty filed in Docket Nos. DE 20-170, DE 19-064, and DE 17-189. The Commission will confirm final compliance of the Fifteenth Revised Page 126 and the Sixteenth Revised Page 127 at that time. A copy of this letter is being entered into the docket and the tariff filing will be placed in our permanent file.

In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time. A date stamped copy of the filed tariff pages is enclosed for your files.

Please e-mail me at tariffs@puc.nh.gov if I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Is/ Ben Martin-Mc Donough

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March 9, 2023

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Re: Docket No. DE 22-081

2023 Adjustments to the Energy Efficiency Portion of System Benefits Charges and

Local Distribution Adjustment Charges

Tariff Pages: 37th rev pg 1, 3rd rev pg 2, 35th rev pg 3, 33rd rev pg 4, 2nd rev pg 34,

18th rev pg 87, 21st rev pg 88, 18th rev pg 89, 8th rev pg 101

Tariff No. 11

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on February 7, 2023, which replaced an earlier filing received on January 13, 2023, in this proceeding. It has been confirmed that these rates are temporary, interim, and provisional until such time as the issue of the applicability and interpretation of Liberty's NHPUC No. 11 tariff is resolved. *See* Order No. 26,541 (October 29, 2021) and Order No. 26,542 (October 29, 2021). At such time that the tariff issue is resolved, the Commission will conduct a review and confirm the permanent rates in effect.

A copy of this letter is being entered into the docket and the tariff filing will be placed in our permanent file. In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time. A date stamped copy of the filed tariff pages is enclosed for your files.

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Re: Docket No. DE 22-081

2023 Adjustments to the Energy Efficiency Portion of System Benefits Charges and Local

Distribution Adjustment Charges

Tariff Pages: 4th rev pgs 22, 23; 15th rev pg 126; 16th rev pg 127

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

Employees of the Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the tariff filing received on February 13, 2023 in the above-captioned proceeding. During review of the tariff filing, it was determined that there was an error on the Fourth Revised Page 23. The value for the Lost Revenue Mechanism should be \$0.000, not \$0.400 as currently appears on the page. Please refile the revised tariff page per Puc 1600.

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

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2023 Adjustments to the Energy Efficiency Portion of System Benefits Charges and Local

Distribution Adjustment Charges

Tariff Pages: 4th rev pgs 22, 23; 15th rev pg 126; 16th rev pg 127

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: January 1, 2023

Dear Attorney Sheehan:

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

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Re: Docket No. DE 20-170

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates Tariff Pages: Original pgs 128, 133 Effective Date: July 10, 2023

Tariff Pages: 15th rev pg 127; 2nd rev pgs 128, 133

Effective Date: November 1, 2023

Docket No. DE 22-035 Request for Step Adjustment Tariffs Pages: 1st rev pgs 128, 133 Effective Date: August 1, 2022

Filings received: April 13, 2023

Docket No. DE 23-006

Request for Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor Refund

Tariff Pages: 8th rev pgs 90, 91, 92, 93, 96; 7th rev pg 99; 8th rev pgs 101, 104, 107, 108; 7th rev pgs 114, 121; 15th rev pgs 123, 125; 17th rev pg 126; 18th rev pg 127; 4th rev pgs 129,

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Effective Date: March 1, 2023 Filing received: April 14, 2023

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In the tariff filings in Docket No. DE 20-170, with effective dates of July 10, 2022 and November 1, 2022, respectively, Liberty did not provide EV-L and EV-M rate design models that would help trace the updated rates. Accordingly, Commission staff members were unable to verify the rates in these tariff filings and would benefit from an explanation of the changes and how they mapped over time.

In light of the above, the Commission requests that Liberty provide the following additional material:

- In <u>Docket No. DE 22-035</u>: (i) a summary table correctly linking and sourcing the input for the G-1 and G-2 revenues used in the associated EV-L and EV-M models; and (ii) a written explanation that points to the exact tab/row/column to refer to in the source spreadsheets.
- In <u>Docket No. DE 20-170</u>, for both the July 10, 2022 and November 1, 2022 filings; (i) associated EV-L and EV-M rate design models; (ii) summary tables linking and sourcing the input for the G-1 and G-2 revenues used in the EV-L and EV-M models; and (iii) a written explanation that points to the exact tab/row/column to refer to in the source spreadsheets.
- A list of any other dockets that may be affected by the original correction, which Commission staff understand includes the tariff filing in <u>Docket No. DE 23-006</u> (effective date March 1, 2023). For each affected docket, Liberty should file the associated models to support the rate change with sufficient information for the Commission to validate the rate changes.

The Commission requests that Liberty file all associated models in one filing, with an overarching cover letter summarizing and mapping each change to facilitate the Commission's review. In the event that the filings remain unclear, the Commission may request another technical session in order to understand the flow of these latest changes.

In accordance with the Secretarial letter issued March 17, 2020, this letter will be filed electronically only at this time. Please contact me at (603) 271-6044 or e-mail me at tariffs@puc.nh.gov if I can be of future assistance.

Sincerely,

/s/ Ben Martin-Mc Donough

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Request for Step Increase

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Request for Storm Recovery Adjustment Factor Refund LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

Procedural Order Re: Tariff Compliance

On May 15, 2023, the Commission ordered Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) to provide additional information to support its April 13 and 14, 2023 tariff filings in each of the dockets listed above. The Commission directs Liberty to either provide this information or file notice to the Commission about how it intends to address the May 15, 2023 directive by June 15, 2023.

So ordered, this ninth day of June, 2023.

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Re: Docket No. DE 23-037

Annual Retail Rate Adjustments

Tariff Pages: 9th rev pgs 90, 91, 92, 93, 96; 8th rev pg 99; 9th rev pgs 101, 104, 107; 8th rev pgs 108, 114, 121; 16th rev pgs 123, 125; 18th rev pg 126; 19th rev pg 127; 4th rev pg 128;

5th rev pgs 129, 133

Tariff No. 21

Effective Date: May 1, 2023

Dear Mr. King:

Employees of the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission have reviewed the May 10, 2023 tariff filing in this proceeding and can confirm that the changes to the Stranded Cost and Transmission charges appear consistent with the updated exhibit "Attachment HMT-1 Revised ii" filed prior to the hearing on April 19, 2023. However, because the Commission has yet to verify the EV-L and EV-M models in DE 20-170, the Commission cannot verify the rates in this filing that rely on those models. Therefore, this filing will remain provisionally compliant until the Commission verifies the EV-L and EV-M models in DE 20-170.

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

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Sincerely,

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