STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 20-170

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES

Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates

Procedural Order Re: Liberty's Motion for Remote Participation

The Commission scheduled an in-person hearing in this docket for January 31, 2023 to address proposals from Public Service Company of New Hampshire d/b/a Eversource Energy (Eversource) for an electric vehicle metering pilot program and an electric vehicle time-of-use tariff. On January 23, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a late request for remote participation by two of its personnel, Greg Tillman and Dmitry Balashov. In its motion, Liberty represented that it does not intend to present Mr. Tillman, Mr. Balashov, or any other witnesses at the hearing, but that it would be helpful to allow both to observe because the information discussed at the hearing will be relevant to their work with Liberty, including future rate cases before the Commission. Liberty further represented that it is not feasible for either Mr. Tillman, who is based in Florida, or Mr. Balashov, who is based in Ontario, Canada, to appear in person at the hearing given the time and expense that would be necessary for them to travel to New Hampshire.

Given the limited time remaining before the January 31, 2023 hearing, the Commission waives the 10-day objection period under New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e). *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05. After due consideration, the Commission denies Liberty's motion. As a general matter, it is the Commission's policy to promote in-person hearings. For this reason, and consistent with the hearing guidelines issued on November 22, 2022, it is Commission practice to limit

web-enabled participation to participants who will be speaking at the hearing and provide good cause for their inability to appear in person. The Commission notes that individuals who are interested in the subject matter of a hearing can obtain the transcript and the materials and exhibits presented on the Commission's website. Accordingly, the Commission DENIES Liberty's motion for remote participation.

So ordered, this twenty-seventh day of January, 2023.

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