



Michael J. Sheehan, Esq.
Senior Counsel
603-724-2135

Michael.Sheehan@libertyutilities.com

August 5, 2021

Via Electronic Mail Only

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Docket No. DE 21-040; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
Petition for Approval of a Property Tax Mechanism**

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, I write to withdraw the Company's petition in this matter, with the intent to file a new petition for approval of a revised property tax mechanism in the near future.

Since the March 2021 filing of the petition in this docket, there were substantial discussions regarding a similar mechanism that was proposed by the Company's natural gas distribution affiliate in Docket No. DG 20-105. Those discussions resulted in agreement to a property tax mechanism that differed substantially from what was proposed in DG 20-105 and in this docket. The revised property tax mechanism was included in the settlement agreement in DG 20-105, which the Commission just recently approved in Order No. 26,505 (July 30, 2021).

The Company thanks the Commission for issuing an Order of Notice and scheduling a prehearing conference in this docket but, in light of this recent Commission approval and of the fact that the approved mechanism differs in important ways from what the Company proposed in this docket, the Company believes it most administratively efficient to close the current docket in favor of a new proceeding based on the Company's new petition for approval of a property tax mechanism that mirrors what the Commission just approved in Order No. 26,505.

Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020, secretarial letter, only an electronic version of this filing will be provided. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Sheehan', written over a light gray circular watermark.

Michael J. Sheehan

Cc: D. Maurice Kreis, Consumer Advocate