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April 12, 2023

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
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Re: DE 23-031 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty 2022
Vegetation Management Program Plan – Department of Energy Response Letter

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On March 24, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued a *Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing* in the above captioned docket. In that notice, the Commission required the Department of Energy (Department) to file its response to Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty's Vegetation Management Program Plan (VMP) reconciliation and proposed VMP-related rate adjustment on or before April 12, 2023.

On Thursday, April 6, 2023, the parties held a technical session to discuss Liberty's filing and clarify certain issues raised by the Department. Based on the technical session, and the record to date, the Department supports the rate decrease proposed in the filing. The Department will be reviewing the Company's VMP in the upcoming rate case stemming from their March 29, 2023 *Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules*.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew C. Young".

Matthew C. Young
Hearings Examiner/Staff Attorney

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