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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
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August 22, 2023

Re: DE 23-044 Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty 2023 Default Service Solicitations – Joint Request to Reschedule August 31 Hearing

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On June 30, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) issued Order No. 26,854 in the above referenced docket, approving Liberty's petition for August 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 default service rates. As part of Order No. 26,854, the Commission ruled that it would issue a final ruling on Liberty's cost-recovery request relating to certain 2020 vintage, Class III renewable energy certificates (RECs) as part of a later, August 2023 hearing in this matter. On August 10, 2023, the Commission issued a Commencement of Adjudicative Proceeding and Notice of Hearing for this later phase of this proceeding. In the August 10 order, the Commission scheduled a hearing for August 31, 2023.

The Department of Energy (Department), Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty), and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) request the following schedule be approved:

- DOE Testimony Due – September 1, 2023
- Company Data Requests to DOE – October 20, 2023<sup>1</sup>
- DOE Responses Due – November 3, 2023
- Technical Session – November 9, 2023
- File Settlement / Rebuttal Testimony – November 30, 2023
- Hearing – Week of December 18, 2023

The relief requested is consistent with Puc 203.13 requirements because the above referenced schedule will ensure all parties sufficient time to thoroughly examine the issues, thereby promoting the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding. Furthermore, as the Class III costs in question are currently included in the Company's default service rates, there will be no undue hardship placed on the company or ratepayers if the above schedule is approved. *See* Order 26,854 at 7 approving inclusion of the Class III REC costs in question pending final disposition of the matter.

Sincerely,  
*/s/ Matthew C. Young*  
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cc: Docket Service List

<sup>11</sup> Please note, the Department's key witness is unavailable for most of September and October.

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