STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 24-061

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY 2024 Default Service Solicitations

Procedural Order Re: Rescheduling of Hearing to September 23, 2024, and Related Matters (Including Remote Participation of Company Witnesses)

On August 23, 2024, the Commission issued a supplemental order of notice scheduling a hearing in the above-captioned matter for September 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., to address the Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Company) proposal for an expanded ISO-New England market-based procurement approach, as established by a Commission directive in Order No. 27,027 (June 27, 2024), issued in this instant docket.

On August 26, 2024, the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a pleading styled as a "Motion for Partial Reconsideration of Supplemental Orders of Notice," in which the OCA requested that it be granted leave to submit testimony in this proceeding, as early as September 13, 2024, and that the following week be allocated for discovery, with a hearing thereafter.

Subsequently, on August 27, 2024, the Company independently filed a motion, with the assent of the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), to reschedule the September 11 hearing to a later date ('continue the September 11, 2024 hearing'), due to a scheduling conflict among Company personnel. The Company also filed a motion for the remote participation of its intended witnesses, Messrs. Green and Doll, from Joplin, Missouri, at the upcoming hearing, with the assent of the DOE.

Having reviewed the OCA's and Company's pleadings, the Commission has decided to CANCEL the scheduled September 11 hearing and to SCHEDULE a hearing on the

merits of the Company's proposal for <u>September 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.</u> Three hours are allotted for this hearing. Furthermore, the Commission grants leave for the OCA, and any other interested party, to file testimony regarding the Company's proposal no later than <u>September 13, 2024</u>. The week of September 16, 2024 is allotted for discovery among the parties, to the extent practicable. The Commission also GRANTS the Company's motion for remote participation of its Missouri personnel at the September 23 hearing. In doing so, the Commission waives New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e), given the short amount of time remaining before September 13 (the deadline for testimony). By this dispositioning of the procedural schedule, the OCA's motion for partial reconsideration is thereby rendered MOOT.

So ordered, this twenty-eighth day of August, 2024.

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