THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 16-097

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES

2016 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On January 15, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a petition for approval of its 2016 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:38 and Order No. 25,625 (Jan. 27, 2014), as updated by a secretarial letter dated July 29, 2014, which set the due date for Liberty's LCIRP filing as January 15, 2016. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-097.html.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to whether Liberty's planning process is adequate as defined by the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and RSA 378:39; and whether Liberty's 2016 LCIRP filing adequately addresses the Commission's requirements set forth in Order No. 25,625. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on August 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary

statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, Liberty, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than August 10, 2016, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before August 15, 2016; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before August 15, 2016, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before August 18, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of August, 2016.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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