

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 20-170**

**ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION UTILITIES**

**Electric Vehicle Time of Use Rates**

**Order on Liberty's EV-L and EV-M Rates**

**ORDER NO. 27,010**

**May 24, 2024**

On May 1, 2024, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed its seasonal update to its electric vehicle charging time-of-use (TOU) rates for commercial customers—its rates EV-L and EV-M—effective May 1 through October 31, 2024. In the associated cover letter to that filing, Liberty identified several errors in the models used to derive these rates and noted that, as a result, its previous EV-L and EV-M rates, which have been in effect since July 2022, were higher than they should have been. However, Liberty represented that no customers have ever utilized those rates, and that the errors therefore did not impact customers' bills. Liberty purports to have corrected the errors for the proposed May 1 through October 31, 2024 rates in a manner consistent with Order No. 26,604 (April 7, 2022), the order which authorized Liberty to implement these rates.

The Commission has previously noted that it was unable to validate Liberty's EV-L and EV-M rates effective between July 2022 and May 2024 using the documentation Liberty provided and has therefore found tariff pages referencing these rates provisional on this basis. Beginning in July 2022, the Commission has sought additional information from Liberty on the manner in which the company calculated these rates, and held two publicly-noticed technical sessions between staff for the

Commission, Liberty, and the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) on this topic. These efforts have led to the identification and correction of numerous errors in Liberty's EV-L and EV-M models. For example, at the March 29, 2023 technical session, Liberty disclosed that it had incorrectly included customer charge revenues in the total distribution revenues that were allocated within the TOU rates, which was inconsistent with Order No. 26,604.

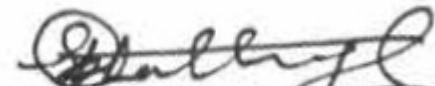
The New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) has previously indicated that although it could not affirm that the EV-L and EV-M rates were accurate, it would not take further action to validate these rates because there were no customers utilizing them. The DOE has not filed a response to Liberty's May 1 filing.

After reviewing the filings related to the EV-L and EV-M rates in this docket, the Commission accepts Liberty's representation in the May 1 filing that the company has identified and corrected all errors in the EV-L and EV-M models for the rates effective May 1, 2024 and that these rates are consistent with Order No. 26,604. Moreover, because no customers have utilized either rate since July 2022, there is no need to make further corrections to the previously effective rates. Accordingly, the Commission removes the provisional status of any compliance tariff found provisional on the basis that the Commission could not validate the EV-L and EV-M rates and will take further action as necessary.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fourth day of May, 2024.



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