

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DE 24-061**

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY**

**2024 Default Service Solicitations**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE**

On June 27, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 27,027, in which it required Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or the Company) to file

with the Commission, no later than August 7, 2024, a proposal for an expanded ISO-New England market-based procurement approach, as delineated in this Order, for the Company's upcoming February-July 2025 energy service period, to be assessed by the Commission in a future phase of this proceeding.

Order No. 27,027 at 12. Liberty submitted this filing on August 7, 2024. All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at

<https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2024/24-061.html>.

The filing presents, *inter alia*, the following additional issues: whether Liberty's default service procurement process should be modified in accordance with its proposal for an ISO-New England market-based procurement tranche of 50 percent of direct Day Ahead and Real-Time ISO-New England market acquisitions for its small customer group, and 100 percent of the Company's large customer group, and associated technical proposals; whether this proposal is consistent with the principles elucidated in prior Commission orders regarding Liberty's default service procurement process: Order No. 24,577 (January 13, 2006), as modified by Order No. 24,922 (December 19, 2008), Order No. 25,601 (November 27, 2013), Order No. 25,806

(September 2, 2015), Order No. 26,752 (December 22, 2022), Order No. 26,758 (January 13, 2023), Order No. 26,984 (March 29, 2024), and Order No. 27,027 (June 27, 2024); as well as the Electric Utility Restructuring Policy Principles governing default service in RSA 374-F:3, V(c)-(e); and whether the resulting rates would be just and reasonable as required by RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7. Also, the Commission will consider whether further expansion of the ISO-New England-based market-procurement tranche within this default service round, beyond that proposed by the Company, is advisable. Accordingly, a further phase of this adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues.

The Commission will be conducting any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that a further phase of this adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374-F:3, V(c)-(e), RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on September 11, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Liberty and any other parties on the service list, on or before August 30, 2024. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before September 6, 2024; and it is

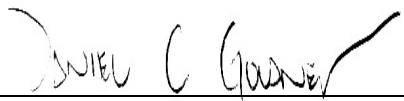
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, all Commission rules requiring the filing of paper copies are suspended until further notice. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

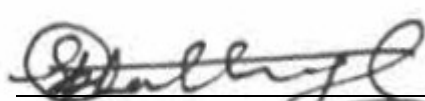
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or [ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov](mailto:ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov). All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before August 30, 2024. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the previously issued hearing guidelines.

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

  
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Daniel C. Goldner  
Chairman

  
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Pradip K. Chattopadhyay  
Commissioner

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