

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 23-003

LIBERTY UTILITIES (Granite State Electric) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

Proposed Purchase of Receivables Program

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On August 16, 2024, the Commission issued Order No. 27,047, which approved the parties' settlement agreement establishing Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp d/b/a Liberty's (Liberty or the Company) Purchase of Receivables (POR) Program (Settlement Agreement). Order No. 27,047 continued the proceeding in this docket to a second phase, in which the Commission will review the Company's proposed revisions to its "Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement" (ESSMA) and "Electricity Delivery Service Tariff NHPUC No. 21" (Tariff) All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Docketbk/2023/23-003.html.

I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In the Settlement Agreement, the parties agreed to bifurcate this proceeding, with the second phase to commence upon the Commission's approval of the Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement provided that Liberty would implement its POR program if the Commission approved the proposed revisions to its ESSMA and Tariff and after the Company received executed revised ESSMAs. Liberty has not yet submitted its ESSMA and Tariff filing.

II. ADDITIONAL ISSUES PRESENTED

The Company's ESSMA and Tariff filing will present, *inter alia*, the following additional issues: whether the Company's proposed revised ESSMA and proposed

revised Tariff are consistent with the Settlement Agreement, as approved by Order No. 27, 047 (August 16, 2024); whether the Company accurately calculated the components underlying the revised Tariff; and whether the rates resulting from the revised Tariff would be just and reasonable, as required by RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7. These issues will be addressed in the second phase of this adjudicative proceeding.

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 Liberty shall file the proposed revisions to its Electric Supplier Services Master Agreement and Electricity Delivery Service Tariff NHPUC No. 21 by September 24, 2024; 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 October 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing. We assign Attorney Sarah Fuller, a Senior Advisor to the Commission, to serve as an examiner for the hearing, to report the facts, and draft a recommended final order. Any party

may request that this hearing be held “by the full commission, or a majority thereof” so long as that request is made 5 days before the date of the hearing. RSA 363:17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a second phase of this adjudicative proceeding will review and resolve the foregoing additional issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374:2, RSA 378:5, RSA 378:7, and the Commission’s procedural rules; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that the New Hampshire Department of Energy and other parties shall file their positions regarding the Liberty’s proposed revised ESSMA and proposed revised Tariff, including the reasons for these positions, on or before October 8, 2024; 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 the Company and any other parties on the service list, on or before September 23, 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 30, 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. 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

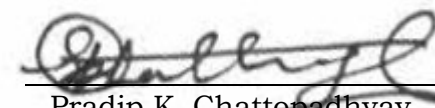
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 13, 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 fourth day of September, 2024.



Daniel C. Goldner
Chairman



Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner

603-271-2431; TDD Access: Relay N.H. 1-800-735-2964. Notification of the need for assistance should be made one week prior to the scheduled event.

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