STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 25-030

LIBERTY UTILITIES (GRANITE STATE ELECTRIC) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY 2025 Default Service Solicitations

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On October 14, 2025, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or the Company) filed a letter containing the proposed schedule for the upcoming default energy service (DS) solicitation and rate-setting review for Liberty's Large and Small DS Customer Groups. This DS solicitation and rate proposal will be for the 6-month period beginning February 1, 2026 and ending July 31, 2026.

All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at

https://www.puc.nh.gov/VirtualFileRoom/Docket.aspx?DocketNumber=DE%2025-030.

In its October 14, 2025 letter, the Company proposes that a Commission hearing be held in mid-December to review the DS solicitation results and proposed DS rates for the February to July 2026 DS rate period. The Company expects to file its DS rate proposal on December 12, 2025, following a DS Request for Proposals (RFP) for Liberty's third-party requirements-contract component for serving its DS load being issued on November 1, 2025, and the final RFP bids being due on December 9, 2025. (Liberty requests that the Commission decision regarding its upcoming DS rate proposal be issued not later than December 19, 2025). *See* Docket Tab #51.

The Commission commenced this DS rate proceeding in this instant Docket No. DE 25-030 by an original order of notice issued on April 16, 2025, which scheduled the Commission's

hearing regarding the Company's then-upcoming August 2025-January 2026 DS proposal, which was approved by the Commission by Orders Nos. 28,164 (June 27, 2025) and 28,169 (July 17, 2025). In the upcoming phase of the Liberty DS proceeding, *inter alia*, the Commission will consider the additional issue of whether Liberty's current application of an ISO-New England market-based procurement tranche of 50 percent of the load through direct Day-Ahead and Real-Time ISO-New England market acquisitions for its Small Customer Group, and full (100 percent) ISO-New England market-based procurement method for its C&I Large Customer Group, should remain at current levels. The Commission shall consider arguments and evidence from the parties to this proceeding regarding this additional issue, for adjudication in the order expected to be issued not later than December 19, 2025. (The other DS-related issues noticed in the April 16, 2025 order of notice shall remain for consideration for this upcoming December DS 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 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 December 16, 2025, 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 RSA 541-A:32, Puc 204.08, and Puc 203.06, 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 October 30, 2025. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with Puc 204.08; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before November 6, 2025; 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 in accordance with the Commission's administrative rules. 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

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> 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 Puc 204.04, 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 October 24, 2025. 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 revised hearing guidelines, issued on August 6, 2025 (Docket Tab #41).

So ordered, this sixteenth day of October, 2025.

Mark W. Dell'Orfano

Interim Chairman

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