### 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 September 19, 2025, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a Petition to Approve Hedging Plan and Cost of Recovery, for Liberty's provision of Default Service. In support of its petition, Liberty filed additional testimony and supporting documents. All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission's website at

puc.nh.gov/VirtualFileRoom/Docket.aspx?DocketNumber=DE 25-030.

#### I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

In Order No. 28,127 (April 8, 2025), issued in Docket No. DE 24-061, the Commission recommended that any parties interested in discussing hedging-related matters with Liberty should make arrangements to do so. The parties then filed, and the Commission approved, a procedural schedule for hedging proposals. On November 4, 2025, the Commission issued a procedural schedule scheduling a hearing for January 7, 2026, and setting a deadline of November 14, 2025, for the parties to request any modifications to the procedural schedule for this phase of the proceeding. No requests for such modifications were received.

#### II. ADDITIONAL ISSUES PRESENTED

The filing presents, *inter alia*, the following additional issues: whether the proposed hedging plan is appropriate and would result in just and reasonable rates pursuant to RSA 378:7

and otherwise comports with the governing standards for Default Service. These issues will be addressed in this phase of the instant 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 the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Three hours shall be allotted for this hearing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that this phase of the adjudicative proceeding will review and resolve the foregoing additional issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 378:7, and the Commission's procedural rules; 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 December 12, 2025. 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 Puc 204.08; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before December 22, 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

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or <a href="www.puc.nh.gov/about-us/contact-us.">www.puc.nh.gov/about-us/contact-us.</a> 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 December 10, 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 revised hearing guidelines (issued on August 6, 2025, Docket Tab #41).

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So ordered, this twenty-fifth day of November 2025.

Mark W. Dell'Orfano Interim Chairman Pradip K. Chattopadhyay

Commissioner

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