

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DE 26-023

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

2026 Default Service Solicitations

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On October 2, 2026, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or the Company) filed a letter with the Commission confirming Liberty's availability for a hearing on December 15, 2026 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. regarding the Company's upcoming default energy service (DS) solicitation and rate-setting review for Liberty's Large and Small DS Customer Groups.¹ This DS solicitation and rate proposal will be for the 6-month period beginning February 1, 2027 and ending July 31, 2027. The Company expects to file its DS rate proposal on December 11, 2026, 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, 2026, and the final RFP bids being due on December 8, 2026. (Liberty requests that the Commission decision regarding its upcoming DS rate proposal be issued not later than December 18, 2026).

¹ The Commission had inquired of Liberty, by a procedural order issued on September 22, 2026, for a confirmation of the Company's availability for a December 15 afternoon hearing, and a confirmation of the DS schedule presented in the Company's testimony, filed by its personnel Mr. Christopher Green on June 12, 2026, in an earlier phase of this proceeding. The Company provided these confirmations in the affirmative in its October 2 letter.

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

The Commission commenced this DS rate proceeding in this instant docket DE 26-023 by an original order of notice issued on April 29, 2026, which scheduled the Commission's hearing regarding the Company's then-upcoming August 2026-January 2027 DS proposal, which was approved by the Commission by Order No. 28,231 (June 18, 2026). In the upcoming phase of the Liberty DS proceeding, *inter alia*, the Commission will consider the additional issues of the impact of customer migration to and from community aggregation programs on Liberty DS, and any modifications to the proxy-price methodologies (for the ISO-New England market-based procurement tranches for DS) and reconciliation methodologies for DS that may arise from the current adjudication before the Commission launched by the supplemental order of notice issued on July 29, 2026 in this docket. In particular, the Commission will consider the potential implementation of the terms of the Settlement Agreement filed by the parties to that proceeding on October 9, 2026.

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 will review and resolve the foregoing discrete additional issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 365:5, RSA 374:4, RSA 374:2, RSA 374:F-3, V(c)-(e), RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7, et. al, 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 15, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Two and one-half 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, 2026. 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 November 10, 2026; 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 www.puc.nh.gov/about-us/contact-us. 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

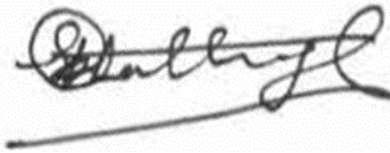
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to Puc 204.04, Liberty shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 23, 2026. 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 thirteenth day of October 2026.



Christopher J. Ellms, Jr.
Chairman



Pradip K. Chattopadhyay
Commissioner



Mark W. Dell'Orfano
Commissioner

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