

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 21-004

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

2021 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

ORDER OF NOTICE

On January 15, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a request for approval of its 2021 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) pursuant to RSA 378:38 and Order No. 26,408 (September 23, 2020). Liberty also filed a motion for confidential treatment regarding the LCIRP filing. The LCIRP and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/regulatory/Docketbk/2021/21-004.html>.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to whether Liberty's planning process is adequate in light of the requirements set forth in RSA 378:38 and RSA 378:39, as amended; and whether Liberty's filing adequately addresses the Commission's requirements set forth in Orders No. 26,207 (December 31, 2018), 26,209 (January 17, 2019), and 26,408 (September 23, 2020). Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that, consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote prehearing conference, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15, on March 26, 2021 at 10:00 a.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the filing and any of the issues set forth in

N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.15. Members of the public who wish to access the prehearing conference may do so by clicking [here](#). **If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible.**

Parties will be provided with additional instructions prior to the prehearing conference; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the prehearing conference, Liberty, the Staff of the Commission, and any intervenors hold a web-enabled remote technical session to review the filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 23, 2021, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.17. 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-inFiling-Requirements.pdf>, any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before March 26, 2021.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourth day of March, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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