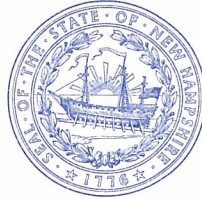


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Re: Docket No. DE 13-063
Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rate Increases
Request Pursuant to Puc 203.20 Regarding Temporary Rates



Dear Ms. Howland:

On May 29, 2013, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities, the Office of Consumer Advocate, Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital and Dartmouth-Hitchcock (intervenor) and Staff agreed to a settlement in principle regarding Liberty's request for a temporary rate increase in the above-captioned docket. The parties intend to file a written settlement agreement on May 31, 2013.

The hearing on the petition for temporary rates is scheduled for June 4, 2013. Because the parties are unable to file the settlement agreement 5 days prior to the hearing as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.20 (e), the parties respectfully request that the Commission accept the late-filed settlement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f). In support of this request, Staff asserts that Commission acceptance of the late-filed settlement agreement will promote the orderly conduct of the temporary rate hearing and will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding as all parties have agreed to the settlement terms, thus complying with requirements of Puc 203.20(f).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I certify that this letter will be served electronically on the parties when filed with the Commission. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzanne G. Amidon".

Suzanne G. Amidon, Esq.
Staff Attorney

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