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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, N.H. 03301-2429

September 10, 2014

Re: DE 13-063, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities Notice of Intent to File Rate Schedules Scheduling of Hearing

To the Parties:

On August 6, 2014, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. filed a request for a hearing in response to a memorandum filed by Staff on July 29, 2014 in which Staff recommended that the Commission reduce Liberty's current rate for the step increase and rate case expense approved by Commission Order No. 25,638. On August 6, 2014, the Office of the Consumer Advocate filed in response to Liberty's request a recommendation that the Commission schedule a hearing if there is a substantive disagreement between the parties on whether the assets were used and useful by December 31, 2013 or whether the disagreement is based on accounting conventions. The Commission has granted the request and has scheduled a hearing on December 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Commission Staff should coordinate with the Company and the OCA to establish the appropriate procedural steps necessary to the conduct of a hearing on the merits, including discovery, testimony and potential settlement discussions consistent with Puc 203.

Sincerely,

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