



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

# ELECTRICITY DELIVERY SERVICE TARIFF - NHPUC NO. 20 SUPERSEDING ELECTRICITY DELIVERY SERVICE TARIFF NHPUC NO.19

Applicable

in

Various towns and cities in New Hampshire, served in whole or in part.

(For detailed description, see Service Area)

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#### 36. Stranded Cost Adjustment Factor

The Stranded Cost Adjustment Factor (SCAF) will recover, on a fully reconciling basis, the costs incurred by the Company for costs associated with the Contract Termination Charge from New England Power Company to Granite State Electric Company including fixed and variable components made effective pursuant to the Settlements of New England Power Company's ("NEP") all-requirements contracts with Granite State Electric Company ("Granite State"). This factor shall be recovered by all customers taking delivery service.

The Settlements were approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") in Docket Nos. ER98-2023-000 and (as amended) ER98-3925-000, and by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission in N.H.P.U.C. Docket No. DR 98-012 ("Settlement"). The SCAF is designed to reconcile costs and revenues under the Settlements for each calendar year. The Contract Termination Charge ("CTC") formula set forth in the Settlements provides for a reconciliation to be performed annually. Capitalized terms not otherwise defined are intended to have the same meaning set forth in the CTC formula.

NEP, Granite State and the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission entered into an agreement ("USGenNE CTC Settlement") on December 5, 2005, related to issues surrounding the resolution of the USGenNE bankruptcy proceeding. The USGenNE CTC Settlement provided that Granite State's allocated share of the allowed claim proceeds received by NEP be used to pay down all of the remaining NEP power purchase contract buyout payments allocable to New Hampshire and to provide a residual value credit, with return, through the year 2010. The settlement also provided for updates to decommissioning expense and purchased power costs that are included in the base CTC. FERC approval was received on February 28, 2006.

In accordance with the Settlements, the estimated CTC related costs that are reconciled annually are primarily the costs comprising the Variable Component. These estimated costs are reconciled to actual costs through the Reconciliation Adjustment and accumulated in the Reconciliation Account. In addition, revenues collected through the CTC are reconciled to actual revenues based upon differences in megawatt hour ("MWh") deliveries.

The SCAF rates shall be established annually based on a forecast of includable costs, and shall also include a full reconciliation with interest for any over recovery or under recovery occurring in the prior year. The Company may file to change the SCAF rates at any time if a significant over recovery or under recovery occurs. Interest on over recoveries or under recoveries shall be calculated at the prime rate.

Any changes to rates determined under the SCAF shall only be made following a notice filed with the Commission setting forth the amount of the increase or decrease, the new rates for each rate class, and the effective date of such new rates.

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#### 37. Reliability Enhancement Program and Vegetation Management Plan Adjustment

All energy billed under this rate is subject to a Reliability Enhancement Program and Vegetation Management Plan Adjustment Factor which shall be adjusted from time to time pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in Docket DE 13-063.

### 38. Reliability Enhancement Program Capital Investment Allowance

Distribution base rates are subject to adjustment on an annual basis for a Reliability Enhancement Program Capital Investment Allowance pursuant to the Settlement Agreement in Docket DE 13-063.

#### 39. Transmission Service Cost Adjustment

The Transmission Service Cost Adjustment ("TSCA") will recover, on a fully reconciling basis, the costs incurred by the Company for transmission related services. These costs include charges billed to the Company by Other Transmission Providers; third party charges billed to the Company for transmission related services such as charges relating to the stability of the transmission system which the Company is authorized to recover by order of the regulatory agency having jurisdiction over such charges; and transmission-based assessments or fees billed by or through regulatory agencies, including those associated with the ISO-NE, regional transmission group, an independent system operator, an RTO and their successors, or other such body with the oversight of regional transmission, in the event that any of these entities are authorized to bill the Company directly for their services.

The TSCA rates shall be established annually based on a forecast of includable costs, and shall also include a full reconciliation with interest for any over recovery or under recovery occurring in the prior year. The Company may file to change the TSCA rates at any time if a significant over recovery or under recovery occurs. Interest on over recoveries or under recoveries shall be calculated at the prime rate.

Any changes to rates determined under the TSCA shall only be made following a notice filed with the Commission setting forth the amount of the increase or decrease, the new rates for each rate class, and the effective date of such new rates.

## 40. Electricity Consumption Tax Charge

All Customers shall be obligated to pay the Electricity Consumption Tax Charge in accordance with New Hampshire Statute RSA Chapter 83-E, which may be revised from time to time, in addition to all other applicable rates and charges under this Tariff. The Electricity Consumption

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Tax Charge shall appear separately on all Customer bills. Any discounts provided for under a Special Contract shall not apply to the Electricity Consumption Tax Charge.

#### 41. System Benefits Charge

All customers taking delivery service shall pay the System Benefits Charge as required by New Hampshire law and approved by the Commission. The System Benefits Charge shall recover the cost of the Company's (i) Electric Assistance Program and (ii) energy efficiency core programs and any other such energy efficiency programs, as approved by the Commission.

The Company shall implement its Electric Assistance Program as approved by the Commission from time to time. The System Benefits Charge will fund the Company's Electric Assistance Program and such other system benefits as are required by law or approved by the Commission.

The Company will reconcile on an annual basis actual costs incurred of the Electric Assistance Program, including development, implementation, and ongoing administrative and maintenance costs against the actual amounts charged to customers through the portion of the System Benefits Charge attributable to the Electric Assistance Program, set at a level of  $0.150 \phi$  per kilowatt-hour in accordance with RSA 374-F:4, VIII (c), and shall be in addition to the portion of the System Benefits Charge relating to the Company's energy efficiency core programs stated below.

The Company shall implement its energy efficiency core programs as approved by the Commission from time to time. The Company's cost of implementing the energy efficiency core programs shall be recovered through the portion of the System Benefits Charge attributable to such programs, set at a level of  $0.180 \, \text{¢}$  per kilowatt-hour in accordance with 2001 N.H. Laws 29:14, which shall be in addition to the portion of the System Benefits Charge relating to the Company's low income customer protection programs stated above. Any difference between the actual energy efficiency funds expended and the funds collected through the System Benefits Charge at  $0.180 \, \text{¢}$  per kilowatt-hour during a calendar year shall, with interest calculated at the average prime rate for each month, be added to or subtracted from the amount to be expended in the following calendar year. If actual amounts are not available for any period, they shall be estimated for purposed of the above calculations and adjusted the following year based on actual data.

Any adjustment of the System Benefits Charge shall be in accordance with a notice filed with the Commission setting forth the amount of the increase or decrease, and the new System Benefits Charge amount. The notice shall further specify the effective date of such adjustment, which shall not be earlier than thirty days after the filing of the notice, or such other date as the Commission may authorize.

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