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Re: Docket No. DG 19-064; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a
Liberty Utilities; Report of Technical Session

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 30, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty or Company) filed a petition to implement new permanent rates, to set temporary rates, and to amend various tariffs, all for effect July 1, 2019. The Commission issued Order No. 26,252 (May 13, 2019) which suspended the proposed tariffs and scheduled a pre-hearing conference for May 30, 2019.

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on April 1, 2019 indicating its participation in the docket. The Commission granted intervenor status to the City of Lebanon (City) and Clean Energy New Hampshire (CENH) at the May 30 pre-hearing conference.

Following the May 30 prehearing conference, Liberty, Staff, OCA, the City, and CENH (collectively, the Parties) met in a technical session and developed the following proposed procedural schedule for this proceeding:

Rolling Data Requests to Company Begins	May 17, 2019
Settlement Conference on Temporary Rates	June 11, 2019 - 11 am
Hearing on Temporary Rates	June 14, 2019 - 10 am
Final Set of First Round of Data Requests	July 25, 2019
Final Responses to First Round of Data Requests	August 8, 2019
Technical Sessions	August 20 & 21, 2019
Second Round of Rolling Data Requests to Company Begins	August 27, 2019
Final Set of Second Round of Data Requests	September 26, 2019

Final Responses to Second Round of Data Requests	October 10, 2019
Technical Sessions	October 16 & 17, 2019
Staff & Intervenor Testimony	November 20, 2019
Company Data Requests to Staff & Intervenors	December 3, 2019
Staff & Intervenor Responses	December 17, 2019
Technical Sessions/Settlement Conferences	January 7, 8, & 9, 2020
Company Rebuttal Testimony	January 23, 2020
Settlement Conferences	February 4 & 5, 2020
Target Date for Filing any Settlement	February 20, 2020
Hearings	March 3, 5, 10, 11 & 12, 2020

The Parties agree that responses to data requests will be due 10 business days from the issuance of the requests. The Parties acknowledge that if they reach a settlement agreement on temporary rates on June 11 or thereafter, the parties will ask the Commission accept a late-filed settlement pursuant to Puc 203.20(f).

On behalf of the Parties, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,



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