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Re: DE 19-064, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rates
Granting Petition to Intervene of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

To the Parties:

On July 18, 2019, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) filed a late petition to intervene in the above-referenced matter. The deadline for filing petitions to intervene was May 27, 2019. *See* Order No. 26,252 at 4 (May 13, 2019). Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Clean Energy New Hampshire, an intervenor, filed letters stating that they did not object to NHDES's petition. No other responses to that petition have been filed.

In its petition, NHDES asserted that utility rate structures have an impact on environmental quality and public health. It stated that NHDES has a substantial interest in environmental quality and public health, because it is responsible for implementing laws, regulations, and policies that protect them. NHDES maintained that its intervention in this matter would serve the interests of justice, but would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings. NHDES noted that it previously intervened in a number of proceedings before the Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission has granted NHDES's request to intervene, finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32, I has been met. *See* N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17. NHDES shall comply with the existing procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Debra A. Howland'.

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