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Re: Docket No. DE 19-064
Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rates
Request to Change Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

By letter dated June 6, 2019, the Commission established a procedural schedule in this docket that calls for Staff and Intervenor testimony to be filed on November 20, 2019. Typically, prior to that testimony, the Commission's Audit Division would have issued a Final Audit Report related to the financial books and records of the Company. In addition, the Company would have issued a Corrections and Update Filing which re-calculates its requested revenue increase to reflect agreed to audit findings and other agreed to issues uncovered during discovery. The Corrections and Update Filing serves to reduce the number of issues Staff and Intervenors need to address in testimony.

Both the Audit Report and the Corrections and Update Filing are in process, but neither are available to be incorporated into testimony on November 20. Liberty has agreed to file the Updates and Corrections Filing on November 22. The Audit Division believes it will issue its Final Audit Report in mid-December.

Accordingly, Staff proposes the following changes to the approved procedural schedule:

Staff & Intervenor Testimony	December 6, 2019
Company Data Requests to Staff & Intervenors	December 20, 2019
Staff & Intervenor Responses	January 10, 2020
Technical Sessions/Settlement Conferences	January 14, 15 and 16, 2020
Rebuttal Testimony Due	January 30, 2020

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Thereafter, the schedule approved in June would resume. Importantly, no changes are proposed for the scheduled hearings and, therefore, no delay in the resolution of this matter is anticipated.

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, the Office of Consumer Advocate, the City of Lebanon, Clean Energy NH assent to Staff's request. Staff did not hear back from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services concerning this request.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve these changes to the procedural schedule in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul B. Dexter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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