

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

DE 19-064  
Distribution Service Rate Case  
2019 Step Adjustment

Staff Data Requests - Set 2

Date Request Received: 6/5/20  
Request No. Staff 2-6

Date of Response: 6/15/20  
Respondent: Heather M. Tebbetts  
Anthony Strabone

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**REQUEST:**

Assuming Liberty did not construct the 115kV system in Salem and did not construct the Rockingham Substation, please describe the value, if any, in expanding and improving the Golden Rock Substation through the work involved in project numbers 8830-1944, 8830-1945, 8830-1959, and 8830-1960.

**RESPONSE:**

The projects listed above were necessary to address system capacity and asset replacement requirements. The value of expanding the Golden Rock substation through these projects is to provide safe and reliable service to our customers in the Salem area. The Golden Rock substation will provide additional capacity for the increased load in the Salem area, as described in the response to Staff 2-3. The business cases that support the above projects provide that the expansion of Golden Rock will also allow Barron Ave substation to be retired, which is in line with the Salem Area Study.