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Re: DE 19-120, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
2019 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan
Grant of Waiver

To the Parties:

On July 15, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed an assented-to motion to waive filing requirements. Commission Staff and the Office of Consumer Advocate assented to Liberty's request for relief.

In its motion, Liberty requested a waiver of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.02(a)(1), which requires parties to file with the Commission an original and 6 paper copies of all documents filed in an adjudicative proceeding. Liberty asked for a waiver of this rule with regard to Attachment 6 of its Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan filing, a copy of its standard operating procedures (SOP), which is 2,083 pages long. Liberty submitted that a waiver of Puc 203.02(a)(1) would be in the public interest, as required by Puc 201.05(a)(1), because producing an additional 6 copies of the SOP would be burdensome and expensive. Liberty also maintained that the requested waiver would not "disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission" because, in addition to a paper copy, it could file an electronic copy of the SOP, which parties could use to print selected pages. *See* Puc 201.05(a)(2).

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's request for waiver of Puc 203.02(a)(1) and determined that the standards for waiver contained in Puc 201.05 have been satisfied. Accordingly, Liberty's assented-to motion to waive filing requirements has been granted.

Sincerely,

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

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