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Via Hand-Delivery and Electronic Mail

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: Docket No. DE 19-xxx; Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.
Special Contract with the City of Lebanon**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. ("Liberty") and the City of Lebanon (the "City"), enclosed please find an original and three copies of (1) Special Contract No. NHPUC 2019-001 between Liberty and the City; and (2) a written statement from the City "confirming that the tariffed rate will not serve its needs," as required by Puc 1606.02(a)(5).

The Special Contract provides for the City to own LED streetlights, a provision that is not currently available to Liberty's street lighting customers and is not in the Rate LED-2 tariff proposed in Liberty's current rate case, Docket No. DE 19-064. As described in the Special Contract, the "smart city" software that the City intends to use does not, and likely never will, effectively communicate with Liberty's systems. Therefore, a special contract is necessary for the City to own the LED street lights that it intends to deploy as part of its smart city program.

The rates Liberty will charge under the Special Contract will be sufficient to cover Liberty's costs and to avoid any subsidy by Liberty's other customers.

Liberty and the City respectfully ask the Commission to approve the Special Contract pursuant to RSA 378:18-a, to be effective January 1, 2020. Puc 1606.02(a)(1).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Sheehan".

Michael J. Sheehan

Enclosures

cc: Office of the Consumer Advocate
City of Lebanon