

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP.

Joint Petition to Approve Sale of New Hampshire Gas Corporation

Docket No. DG 14-155

Motion to Accept Late Filing of Settlement Agreement

Commission Staff (Staff) respectfully moves the Commission pursuant to Puc 203.20(f) to accept the attached Settlement Agreement in the above matter less than 5 days prior to the October 30 hearing.

In support of this motion, Staff represents as follows:

1. On October 27, 2014, all parties signed a Settlement Agreement resolving all issues in the above matter, which Settlement Agreement is attached to this motion. Since the hearing is scheduled for October 30, 2014, the Settlement Agreement is being filed less than 5 days prior to the October 30 hearing.
2. Puc 203.20(e) states: "Settlements and stipulations shall be filed no less than 5 days prior to the hearing, except as provided in (f)."
3. Puc 203.20(f) states: "The commission shall accept late-filed stipulations and settlements when such acceptance: (1) Promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding; and (2) Will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding."
4. The attached Settlement Agreement satisfies both conditions in Puc 203.20(f). It promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding because it resolves all outstanding

issues without the need for a contested hearing. The late filing will also not impair the rights of any party because all parties to this docket have signed the Settlement Agreement.

5. All parties assent to the relief sought in this motion.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully asks the Commission to:

- a. Accept the late filing of the attached Settlement Agreement;
- b. Approve the Settlement Agreement at the October 30, 2014 hearing;
- c. Grant any further relief deemed just and proper.

Respectfully Submitted,
Staff of the N.H. Public Utilities Commission
By its attorney,

Dated: October 27, 2014



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I certify that today, October 27, 2014, I have electronically sent a copy of this motion and attachments to all parties at the email addresses specified on the commission's service list for this docket, as required by Puc 203.11(a).



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