STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Inter-Department Communication

DATE:

August 27, 2015

AT (OFFICE): NHPUC

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

DA 15-168, Affiliate Services Agreements of Liberty Utilities (Granite

State Electric) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas)

Corp.

TO:

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director

On May 21, 2015, Liberty Utilities filed its Affiliate Services Agreements (Services Agreements) on behalf of Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp, both d/b/a Liberty Utilities, pursuant to RSA 366:3. The Services Agreements were effective as of May 18, 2015, between Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. ("APUC"), a Canadian Corporation, Liberty Utilities (Canada) Corp., a Canadian corporation, Liberty Utilities Service Corp., a Delaware corporation and Liberty Utilities Co. These Services Agreements replace in their entirety the prior affiliate services agreements filed with the Commission in Docket DA 14-179.

The purpose of these new Services Agreements is to reflect the transfer of all employees in New Hampshire from Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp. to Liberty Utilities Services Corp. as of May 17, 2015. This transfer does not change the terms of any employees' employment or the nature of any services provided, but rather is intended to bring all employees into one Service Company, instead of state-by-state Liberty Utilities' service companies across the United States.

Staff issued data requests and reviewed the new Services Agreements and agrees with Liberty Utilities that the Agreements do not change the nature of any services provided. In addition, Staff accepts Liberty Utilities representation that this transfer does not change the terms of any employees' employment, but rather is intended to bring all employees into one Service Company. At this point, Staff does not recommend that the Commission take any further action. Because any issues that may arise related to the Services Agreements can and will be addressed in other proceedings, Staff recommends that this docket be closed without opening a formal investigation.

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