### STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DG 20-105

## LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY Petition for Permanent Rates

### **Procedural Order Re: Hearing on Request for First Step Adjustment**

On July 30, 2021, the Commission issued Order No. 26,505 approving the parties' settlement agreement, which provided for a permanent rate increase effective with service rendered on and after August 1, 2021 and two step adjustments, with conditions. One of the conditions stated that implementation of the first step adjustment, which would have occurred with the permanent rate increase on August 1, 2021 under the settlement agreement, would not take effect until Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a sufficiently detailed request for the first step adjustment and the Commission held a hearing. *See id.* at 12-13.

Liberty filed a motion for rehearing on August 24, 2021, in which it contested the Commission's decision to reject the term of the settlement agreement allowing the first step adjustment to take effect on August 1, 2021. It filed the supplemental testimony of Heather M. Tebbetts and related attachments in support of its request for the first step adjustment on August 31, 2021. The Commission denied Liberty's motion for rehearing in Order No. 26,521, issued on September 22, 2021.

On October 19, 2021, Liberty filed a letter requesting a hearing on its request to implement the first step adjustment. A hearing on Liberty's request for the step adjustment has been scheduled on <u>Wednesday</u>, <u>December 1, 2021</u>, <u>beginning at 9:00 a.m.</u>

The hearing will be conducted in person, in accordance with the attached supplemental order of notice and hearing guidelines. One half day has been allotted for DG 20-105 October 26, 2021 Page 2

this hearing. If additional time will be required, the parties are requested to notify the

Commission within ten days from the date of this order.

So ordered, this twenty-sixth day of October, 2021.

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