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Re:

DG 11-040, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities

(Granite State Electric) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Status Conference Regarding Information Technology Conversion Issues

To the Parties:

On April 16, 2014, Commission Staff filed a memorandum report regarding issues raised by the conversion of Liberty Utilities' (Liberty's) natural gas customer accounts from National Grid's systems to Liberty's systems and Liberty's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in this docket (Settlement Agreement). On April 24, 2014, Liberty filed a written response to Staff's memorandum.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's memorandum and Liberty's response and acknowledges Liberty's commitment to defer the conversion of its electric customer accounts from National Grid's systems to Liberty's systems until the weekend of July 3-6, 2014.

The Commission has asked that a status conference be held before the Commission on May 27, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. At the status conference, Liberty shall be prepared to provide a detailed description of its progress in resolving, and its future plans to resolve, the billing, customer service, and network security assessment issues raised in Staff's memorandum, as well as other issues relevant to the status of Liberty's information technology transition and its conversion of customer accounts, including the timing of such conversion. Liberty shall also provide a timeline for the resolution of the issues raised by Staff, which includes issue identification and root cause analysis, testing, implementation, and post-implementation monitoring.

The status conference will not be conducted as an adjudicative proceeding. There will be no sworn testimony or cross-examination of witnesses, although a record transcription of the conference will be taken. The Commission will expect to hear from Liberty executives, managerial personnel, and other subject matter experts regarding relevant transition matters. Liberty should be prepared to respond to questions from Commissioners, Staff, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate during the course of the status conference. Parties to this proceeding and other interested persons also may make statements at the status conference regarding Liberty transition matters.

The Commission will determine subsequently whether further actions or additional procedural steps are appropriate, including whether an adjudicative hearing should be conducted, and whether further postponement of Liberty's conversion of its electric customer accounts is warranted.

Sincerely,

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