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May 9, 2016

Re: DG 15-362, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities,
Petition for Franchise Approval in Pelham and Windham; Termination of Intervenor Status

To the Parties:

On February 4, 2016, the Commission issued a supplemental order of notice making Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) a mandatory party to a supplemental prehearing conference. The prehearing conference was held on February 17 before a hearings examiner, who filed a report and recommendation on February 22.

The purpose of the prehearing conference was to determine the status of Northern's gas utility franchise, if any, in the Town of Pelham. Northern represented that it has not provided regulated gas service in Pelham since 2006, and that it has no immediate plans to do so. Northern stated that it "does not intend to hold itself out as still having a franchise to serve . . . Pelham." Northern further clarified that it "[does not] claim to continue to have a franchise in that particular area." Commission Staff argued that any franchise held by Northern expired after two years of inactivity and that Northern should no longer be an intervenor in this docket.

The Commission has determined that Northern's franchise within the Town of Pelham is terminated. The Commission directs Northern to revise its Tariff NHPUC No. 11 – Gas to delete any reference therein to the Town of Pelham within 30 days of the date of this letter. Finally, the Commission has terminated Northern's status as an intervenor in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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