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Michael Sheehan
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RE: DG 15-442, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition for Approval of a Gas Franchise in Jaffrey, Rindge, Swanzey, and Winchester
Motion to Amend Denied, Case Closed.

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

Liberty Utilities filed a petition for approval of a natural gas franchise in Jaffrey, Rindge, Swanzey, and Winchester on October 9, 2015. On August 10, 2016, Liberty moved to amend its petition to remove Jaffrey, Rindge, and Winchester from its petition and to limit its franchise request to the Town of Swanzey.

Liberty represented that, after Kinder Morgan announced it would no longer proceed with the Northeast Energy Direct pipeline project, there would be no economical way to provide natural gas service to Jaffrey, Rindge, or Winchester. Liberty generally represented that there remains an economic case to serve the Town of Swanzey through an extension of Liberty's existing and planned infrastructure located in the City of Keene. Liberty stated that it intends to convert its existing propane-air system in Keene to natural gas via the construction of a liquefied natural gas and/or compressed natural gas facility. The Company stated that it expects to file for appropriate approvals to allow for construction over the Summer of 2017.

The Commission denied Liberty's motion to amend and dismissed the petition. The Commission found that it is premature to consider a franchise in the Town of Swanzey. If Liberty remains interested in obtaining a franchise within that town, it may file a petition that details the economic case alluded to by the Company. This docket will close after 30 days of date of this letter unless Liberty files a motion for rehearing.

Sincerely,

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

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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