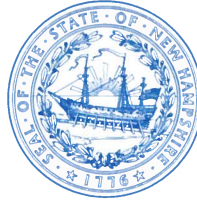


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Via e-mail and Hand Delivery

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
N.H. Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, New Hampshire 03301-2429

Re: DG 16-769, Concord Steam Corporation,
Petition for Emergency Rates and Discontinuation of Service; and

DG 16-770, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp.,
d/b/a/ Liberty Utilities & Concord Seam Corporation,
Joint Petition for Approval of an Asset Purchase Agreement

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing as counsel to the State of New Hampshire, Department of Administrative Services (DAS) in regard to the above referenced dockets: DG 16-769 and DG 16-770. As a customer of Concord Steam, as well as the owner of the generation facility operated by Concord Steam, the State has a significant interest in these dockets. DAS anticipates filing for intervention in both dockets within the timeframe set forth in the respective Orders of Notice.

I am writing today with a preliminary request that the technical session scheduled for Friday, August 12, 2016 be delayed to the following week. DAS Commissioner Quiram will be out of town next week and unable to attend the technical session as currently scheduled. These dockets address matters of major significance to the State, and DAS desires the opportunity to participate fully in the technical session as well as later proceedings. A short delay in the technical session would allow for DAS' full participation without prejudicing the process or the other parties.

I appreciate your consideration of this request, and thank you for your attention to this matter.

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August 4, 2016
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Sincerely,



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Vicki Quiram, Commissioner, N.H. Department of Administrative Services