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VIA E-MAIL

Debra Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord New Hampshire 03301

RE: DG 16-852

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities Petition for Expansion of Franchise to the Town of Hanover and City of Lebanon

Dear Ms. Howland:

Please file this letter as a public comment in the above-referenced docket, in supplementation of the August 3, 2017, August 4, 2017, August 24, 2017 and September 6, 2017 public comments that I previously submitted in this matter.

For the reasons expressed in my prior comment letters, the settlement agreement entered into between the petitioner, the Office of the Consumer Advocate and the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") should not be approved, as it does not meet statutory requirements or otherwise provide for a result that is "just and reasonable and serves the public interest," as is additionally required under PUC's rule 203.20(b). *See* N.H. Code Admin. Rules <u>Puc 203.20(b)</u> ("The commission shall approve a disposition of any contested case by stipulation [or] settlement ... **if** it determines that the result is just and reasonable and serves the public interest")(emphasis added).

Sincerely,

//s//Richard M. Husband

cc: Concerned citizens