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August 15, 2017

***Via E-Mail***

Debra A. Howland  
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N.H. Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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**Re: DG 17-065 – Northern Utilities, Inc. (Unitil) & Liberty Utilities  
Excess Flow Valves  
Assented to Motion to Postpone Hearing**

Dear Ms. Howland:

Pursuant to N.H. Code Admin R. 203.13 Staff submits an original and six copies of the enclosed Assented to Motion to Postpone Hearing with respect to the hearing scheduled for August 17, 2017.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John S. Clifford".

John S. Clifford  
Staff Attorney

cc: Service List (electronically)

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DG 17-065**

**NORTHERN UTILITIES & LIBERTY UTILITIES  
(ENERGY NORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES**

**Excess Flow Valve Regulations**

**ASSENTED TO MOTION TO POSTPONE HEARING**

Now comes Staff, of the New Hampshire Public Utilities commission pursuant to N.H. Admin. Puc. 203.13 hereby submits this Assented to Motion to Continue Hearing and in support thereof states as follows:

1. A final hearing has been set in this matter for August 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. pursuant to the Secretarial Letter issued on July 12, 2017. (Dkt. Entry 10).
2. Since the date of the filing of that letter, the parties have met in a technical session and have been working on a negotiated settlement. To that end, the parties have come to an agreement on the basic terms of a settlement agreement and are working on reducing that agreement to a writing for filing with the Commission. The parties had hoped to submit the settlement agreement in advance of the final hearing but have been unable to do so due to time constraints and scheduling issues.
3. The parties seek postponement of the August 17, 2017 hearing in order to complete the settlement agreement and present it to the Commission for its review. Doing so will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of this proceeding. *See* Puc Rule 203.13(c).

4. Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate, Northern Utilities and Liberty Utilities  
assent to the relief requested.


WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Grant this Assented to Motion to Postpone Hearing for the reasons stated therein; and
- B. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,  
Commission Staff

Date: 8/15/17

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
John S. Clifford, Esq.  
Staff Attorney  
NH Public Utilities Commission  
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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be delivered to Commission with service made electronically on all parties to the service list.

  
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John S. Clifford

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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.