

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP.
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES**

Docket No. DG 17-198

**Petition to Approve Firm Supply and Transportation Agreements
and the Granite Bridge Project**

Docket No. DG 17-152

Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Liberty's Assented-to Second Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (the "Company" or "Liberty"), through counsel, respectfully moves the Commission to amend the procedural schedule to set March 15, 2019, as the deadline for Liberty to make its supplemental filing in DG 17-198, which filing will include updated construction cost estimates for the Granite Bridge Pipeline and the Granite Bridge LNG facility, a review of the customer benefits related to the agreement with Calpine Corporation, the submission of any agreements between the Company and Calpine that further detail the arrangement between the parties, and supporting testimony and analyses.

The supplemental filing will also include proposed schedules for the balance of both DG 17-198 and DG 17-152, since these two dockets have issues in common and have been travelling parallel schedules.

As stated in paragraph 9 below, all parties who have responded to Liberty's request for positions assent to the relief sought. No party objects.

In support of this motion, Liberty represents as follows:

1. Liberty has approached a number of contractors to provide more detailed construction estimates for both the Granite Bridge pipeline and the Granite Bridge LNG facility to take into account the work that has been performed over the past 12 months.
2. Liberty contacted two contractors for the pipeline. These contractors reviewed the environmental delineation work and mitigation strategies being developed by the engineering firm that is designing the pipeline, the test borings that have been performed over the entire length of the proposed pipeline, and the detailed drawings of the proposed route. They also physically inspected many sections of the proposed route. One contractor provided a revised construction estimate for the whole project. The other provided an estimate only for the horizontal directional drilling, or HDDs, that would be required.
3. Since Liberty only received one complete estimate for the pipeline, Liberty contacted two additional pipeline contractors to provide complete estimates. Those estimates are expected to be received in the next two weeks.
4. As for the LNG facility, Liberty similarly asked two EPC (engineering, procurement, and construction) contractors to provide updated estimates. Liberty has been working with one of these companies for months. That company helped prepare the initial estimate contained in the original filing, and has continued to work with Liberty's internal and consulting engineers to refine plans over the last year. That company recently provided revised and more detailed construction estimates. The second EPC has reviewed the most recent design basis for the LNG facility and has been to the LNG site to better understand the construction logistics. That second company also submitted a cost estimate for the

construction of the facility. However, their detailed construction estimates and assumptions will not be complete in time for a January 31 filing.

5. It is in all parties' interest that these revised estimates are as accurate and thorough as possible. Given that they will be supported by substantial and detailed investigation and engineering, the revised estimates will form a solid foundation for all the work that will follow in these dockets. Liberty thus submits that spending more time now to get this information right, at this still early stage in this project, is in the public interest.

6. As for the Calpine MOU, the Company will be prepared to present a firm proposal for the parties to consider in the revised filing.

7. The supporting testimony and analyses to explain the revised information being finalized as discussed above must obviously wait to incorporate the final details described above.

8. For these reasons, the Company believes that it is in the best interest of all parties that the Commission grant this request to amend the procedural schedule to allow for a March 15, 2019, supplemental filing.

9. The following parties assent to the relief sought: Staff, the OCA, the Town of Epping, and Repsol. The Company did not receive responses from the other parties. No one has objected.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully asks that the Commission to:

- A. Grant this motion and amend the procedural schedule to set March 15, 2019, as the date for the Company to make its supplemental filing as described above; and
- B. Grant such other relief as is just and reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp.
d/b/a Liberty Utilities

By its Attorney,



Date: January 30, 2019

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on January 30, 2019, a copy of this motion has been electronically forwarded to the service lists in Docket Nos. DG 17-152 and DG 17-198.



By: _____

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