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Via Electronic Mail and Hand Delivery

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

**Re: Docket No. DG 17-198; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition to Approve Firm Supply and Transportation Agreements and the Granite Bridge Project**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, I write in response to Staff's letter of July 26, 2018, which requested cancellation of the August 2 technical session.

Liberty objects to outright cancellation and proposes, first, that the tech session go forward on August 2 as scheduled for all other parties (which Staff would also be free to attend and address the topics for which it is prepared). It would be unfair to the other parties to lose this long-scheduled opportunity. The Company has responded to approximately 300 data requests since the last tech session, which included the results of 39 SENDOUT runs and scenarios (bringing to about 70 the total number of SENDOUT runs and scenarios provided to date). There is plenty to discuss at the August 2 tech session.

Second, Liberty and Staff are discussing how best to modify the procedural schedule to accommodate the issues raised in Staff's letter and to provide Staff with another tech session date, which other parties would also be welcome to attend. Liberty thus proposes to keep the current schedule in place for now, with the intent of adding a tech session after agreeing on a new date, which is consistent with Staff's request.

Note that the timing of the Company's prior responses as referenced in Staff's letter was done in communication with Staff, that the Company offered to postpone the August 2 tech session by a week (which Staff's consultants could not accommodate), and that only three requests will remain unanswered as of August 2. These three requests asked the Company to perform a significant number of additional SENDOUT runs in two weeks and are the subject of ongoing discussions over their scope. The Company is confident that an agreement can be

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reached to provide for another tech session to accommodate the needs expressed in Staff's letter with minor adjustments to the procedural schedule.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sheehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael J. Sheehan

cc: Service List