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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Petition to Approve Firm Supply, Transportation Agreements and the Granite Bridge Project

Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and
Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce
Petition for Intervention

Pursuant to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission's Order of Notice, dated February 8, 2018, N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, and RSA 541-A:32, the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce respectfully petition for intervention, as a full intervenor to DE 17-198, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities Petition to Approve Firm Supply, Transportation Agreements and the Granite Bridge Project.

In support of their petition, the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce state as follows:

- 1. The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce is the largest chamber of commerce in New Hampshire, representing nearly 1,000 businesses. Incorporated in 1911, the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce focuses its efforts in the ten communities of Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Derry, Goffstown, Hooksett, Litchfield, Londonderry, Manchester and Merrimack. The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce is an independent, not-for-profit business organization whose initiatives are funded solely by its members through annual dues and benefit fees. It is the mission of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce to be a member-focused organization that drives the greater Manchester business environment and the economic health and vitality of the region by supporting business growth, professional development and networking opportunities, while advocating for our membership.
- 2. The Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce is an independent, not-for-profit, membership-based business organization, representing 600+ businesses in Nashua and the surrounding communities of Amherst, Brookline, Hollis, Hudson, Litchfield, Lyndeborough, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton. The mission of the Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce is to be the primary catalyst for the success of greater Nashua's diverse business community though advocacy, building connections and professional developments.
- 3. Incorporated in 1919, The Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit, membership-based business organization with more than 900 members. Serving Concord and the surrounding communities of Allenstown, Boscawen, Bow, Bradford, Canterbury, Chichester,

Dunbarton, Epsom, Henniker, Hopkinton, Loudon, Pembroke, Pittsfield, Salisbury, Warner, and Webster, As New Hampshire's state capital chamber of commerce, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce develops economic opportunities, strengthens the business climate and enhances the quality of life in the Capital Region.

- 4. The resolution of this docket will directly impact the commercial and industrial customers of Liberty Utilities. Many of these customers are members of the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce.
- The commercial and industrial business customers of Liberty Utilities are not represented by the
 Office of the Consumer Advocate and may have interests in this proceeding that differ from
 those of residential customers.
- 6. The cost of energy is an issue of critical concern to the membership of Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce. The continued availability of natural gas will have a direct impact on the economic well-being of the businesses we represent and the overall economic vitality of the state of New Hampshire.
- 7. Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce participation in the proceeding will not disrupt the orderly conduct, impair the efficiency, or delay the proceeding.
- 8. In order to facilitate and avoid potentially duplicative efforts, the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce have chosen to jointly petition for intervention and will combine their efforts throughout the proceeding.

Based upon these assertions, the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, Greater Nashua Chamber of Commerce and Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce respectfully request to be granted full intervenor status in this proceeding.

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