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Via Electronic Mail Only

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

Re: Docket No. DG 20-105; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Distribution Service Rate Case

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("EnergyNorth" or the "Company"), enclosed please find the following documents, which comprise the rate case filing for EnergyNorth:

- A Petition for Permanent and Temporary Rates;
- A Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment;
- A Motion for Waiver of Puc 1605.02, Clean Copy of Tariff;
- A Report of Proposed Rate Changes pursuant to Puc 1604.02(a)(2);
- The form of notice to customers pursuant to Puc 1604.02(5) and Puc 1203.02(c);
- The pre-filed testimony of Company witnesses and other information required by the N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 1600 as follows:
 - o Volume I:
 - Puc 1604.01(a) filing requirements for EnergyNorth (Bates I-001 through I-199) (one public version and one confidential version).
 - o Volume II (one public and one confidential version):
 - The testimony and attachments of David B. Simek and Kenneth A. Sosnick in support of the Company's request for temporary rates, including Attachment DBS/KAS-TEMP-3, which provides redlined revised tariff pages reflecting the proposed temporary rates (Bates II-001 through II-076); and
 - The testimony and attachments of Susan L. Fleck, President of Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp., and various other Company witnesses in support of the request for permanent rates (Bates II-077 through II-608); and

o Volume III:

 Proposed Tariff NHPUC No. 11, with redlined tariff pages reflecting EnergyNorth's request for an increase in permanent rates and other changes, labeled as Attachment TRF-PERM (Bates III-001 through III-257).

In this filing, the Company requests changes to the Company's permanent rates that are intended to yield an increase of \$13.5 million in annual operating revenues to be effective September 1, 2020. To provide time to review the Company's request, the Company also requests a temporary increase in distribution rates of \$6.5 million to be effective October 1, 2020.

The Company also requests a series of step increases, the first of which would approximately \$5.7 million to begin recovering the cost of capital projects completed through December 31, 2020. The first step increase would be effective in 2021 upon the implementation of permanent rates following the conclusion of the permanent rate case.

Finally, please add the following people to the service list:

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Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020, secretarial letter, only an electronic version of the above documents will be filed.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

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