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Via Electronic Mail Only

Daniel Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
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**Re: Docket No. DE 20-105; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
Distribution Service Rate Case**

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., attached please find a late-filed Settlement Agreement on Rate Case Expenses, with Attachment A, signed by the Company and the Department of Energy. Also enclosed is Attachment B to the Settlement Agreement, which consists of the illustrative tariff pages. Attachment B is not included as part of the Settlement Agreement but is being filed separately because DOE had not yet had the opportunity to review and give its final approval to those pages. The Company expects that DOE will state its final position on Attachment B at the hearing.

Puc 203.20(e) and (f) provide as follows:

(e) Settlements and stipulations shall be filed no less than 5 days prior to the hearing, except as provided in (f).

(f) The commission shall accept late-filed stipulations and settlements when such acceptance:

- (1) Promotes the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding; and
- (2) Will not impair the rights of any party to the proceeding.

The Commission should accept and review the attached Settlement Agreement because it would "promote the orderly and efficient conduct" of this proceeding in that it will result in a more streamlined presentation than if the parties litigated the issues at hearing. And the agreement "will not

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impair the rights of any party” as the Company and DOE have signed the agreement and the OCA was aware of the Settlement Agreement and has informed counsel that he will not attend the hearing. There are no other parties to this docket.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Sheehan", written in a cursive style.

Michael J. Sheehan

Attachments

Cc: Service List