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**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**  
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April 15, 2021

Re: DG 21-008, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty  
Petition for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement with  
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC  
Approving Procedural Schedule and Granting Petitions to Intervene

To the Parties:

On March 24, 2021, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty), the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA), and Commission Staff (Staff). The Commission took the petitions to intervene filed by Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) and Pipeline Awareness Network for the Northeast, Inc. (PLAN) under advisement.

Following the prehearing conference, Liberty, the OCA, CLF, PLAN, and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated March 30, 2021:

Set 1 Rolling Discovery on Direct Testimony – Final Date for Issuance	April 9, 2021
Set 1 Petitioner Responses to Discovery – Final Deadline (earlier on rolling basis, to extent possible based on 10 business days)	April 23, 2021
Technical Session <sup>1</sup>	May 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Set 2 Rolling Discovery on Direct Testimony – Final Date for Issuance	May 7, 2021
Set 2 Petitioner Responses to Data Requests – Final Deadline (earlier on rolling basis, to extent possible based on 10 business days)	May 21, 2021
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony Filed	June 25, 2021

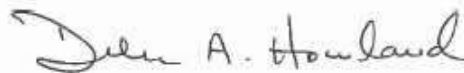
<sup>1</sup> Any technical session held in a Commission proceeding may potentially involve settlement discussions, which will be restricted to participation by parties only and must be treated as confidential and not disclosed, consistent with N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.20(a).

Discovery on Staff/OCA/Intervenor Testimony – Deadline	July 9, 2021
Staff/OCA/Intervenor Responses to Data Requests – Deadline	July 23, 2021
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	July 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Petitioner Rebuttal Testimony Filed (if applicable)	August 13, 2021
Discovery on Petitioner Rebuttal Testimony – Deadline (if applicable)	August 27, 2021
Responses to Discovery on Rebuttal Testimony – Deadline (if applicable)	September 10, 2021
Technical Session/Settlement Conference	September 13, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.
Settlement Agreement Filed (if applicable)	September 24, 2021
Hearing on the Merits or Settlement	October 6, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and, therefore, has approved it. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its prehearing order.

No objections to the CLF's and PLAN's intervention requests were filed. Accordingly, the Commission has granted CLF's and PLAN's petitions to intervene based on the standing of their members who are customers of Liberty. Although the Commission recognizes CLF's and PLAN's knowledge of gas and energy markets, infrastructure, and non-gas alternatives, as well as environmental and public health issues related to the gas industry and markets, the purpose of this proceeding is not to educate the public on any and all issues related to the broad topics of fossil fuel infrastructure and its alternatives. To ensure an orderly and focused proceeding, all parties will be limited in discovery requests, testimony, cross-examination, and legal briefings to the evaluation of Liberty's analysis and support for the proposed firm transportation agreement with Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC at issue here, and the interest of Liberty customers in the prudence, justness, and reasonableness of this contract.

Sincerely,



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## Service List - Docket Related

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