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Re: Docket No. DG 21-050, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Keene Division, *Summer 2021 Cost of Gas*

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing to clarify Commission Staff (Staff)'s position as described by Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Keene Division (Liberty or Company) in the Company's June 10, 2021 filing.

Staff takes no position on the terms in, or meaning of, Liberty's current CNG contract with XNG, or in Liberty's January 6, 2021 CNG contract (which was to have been effective July 1, 2021). Staff did not discuss any aspect of those contracts with Liberty at any time following the April 19, 2021 hearing in this docket.

In Staff's view, the CNG Master Agreement signed by Liberty and XNG on June 2, 2021, to be effective July 1, 2021 (June 2021 Agreement) is consistent with the Liberty CNG facility's operating procedures and emergency management procedures. In Staff's view, the June 2021 Agreement is not inconsistent with New Hampshire Administrative Rule Puc 506.01. Staff notes that the Commission has "made no finding on whether the CNG contract or the proposed new CNG contract are reasonable overall; or prudent." *See* Order No. 26,475 at 10 (April 30, 2021).

Because Liberty's June 10, 2021 filing did not include a red-lined version of the June 2021 Agreement, Staff notes that Staff's views are premised upon the assumption that the executed June 2021 Agreement includes all the changes highlighted in the redacted CNG Agreement Liberty filed on June 1, 2021, and no other changes.

Consistent with the Commission's Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements (March 17, 2020) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Mary E. Schwarzer*

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Staff Attorney/Hearings Examiner

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