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Via Electronic Mail Only

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: Docket DG 21-130 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Winter 2021/2022 Cost of Gas and Summer 2022 Cost of Gas, Energy Join Motion in Limine/ Bifurcate

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

On behalf of the Department of Energy (Energy) enclosed please find Energy's motion, joining, in part, the relief requested in the Office of the Consumer Advocate's "Motion in *Limine* Seeking Prehearing Determination that Liberty's Request to Recover \$4 million Constitutes Illegal Retroactive Rate Making." In the Alternative, Energy's motion proposes that the Public Utilities Commission bifurcate the hearing, remove the \$4 million at issue from the current cost of gas calculation, and schedule a subsequent hearing, if necessary.

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Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Mary E Schwarzer

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