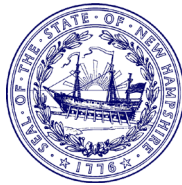


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Re: Docket No. DG 22-015; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty-Keene, Liberty Keene Division Summer 2022 Cost of Gas, *Joint Exhibit and Witness List for May 17, 2022 Hearing, Updated by the DOE May 13, 2022*

Dear Chair Goldner:

On behalf of the Department of Energy (DOE), please find a parties' *Joint Exhibit and Witness List for May 17, 2022 Hearing, Updated by the Department of Energy (DOE) as of May 13, 2022*. These updated lists, and DOE Exhibits 3-16, are being provided after Liberty-Keene filed a new Summer 2022 Cost of Gas filing on May 10, 2022, at the close of business.

The DOE will make an oral motion for waiver of late filing at hearing. While mindful that the *Hearing Guidelines* in this docket require filing five business days in advance of hearing, the DOE required time to review the new material. In addition, cost of gas (COG) dockets are generally expedited matters, requiring shorter advance filing than normal, and the present context is unusual, in that the April 26, 2022 hearing was canceled.

Waiver is in the public interest because the additional exhibits shed light on important docket matters, and may expedite the hearing scheduled for May 17, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. It is also reasonable that the DOE review Liberty's May 10, 2022 filing rather than submitting DOE's exhibit and witness list in a piecemeal fashion. Waiving the hearing guideline's May 10 filing deadline will not unduly delay the proceeding or adversely affect the rights of any party, as all parties have had an opportunity to review Liberty's responses to DOE's data requests, and Liberty's prior COG filings. Excluding the exhibits would cause DOE undue hardship. Accordingly, the Commission should waive DOE's late filing, and accept the exhibits for identification at hearing, and allow DOE's Utility Analyst to accompany counsel at hearing. *See* PUC 201.05.

Consistent with the Commission's March 17, 2020 letter, this discovery is being filed solely in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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