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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Docket No. DG 22-041 Re:

> > Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas) Corp.

Petition for Approval to Recover Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor Costs

## To the Commission:

This letter follows up on the procedural letter issued by the Commission on November 17, 2022 in the above-referenced docket, approving a procedural schedule to govern the remainder of the proceeding. The Commission approved the parties' scheduling proposal, which *inter alia* calls for hearings during the period of June 20-30 in 2023.

During the discussion of the scheduling proposal, the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") was represented by a staff attorney who is no longer employed by the OCA. It appears she inadvertently agreed to hearing dates that coincide with a period during which I will be out of state.

While I cannot, in these circumstances, ask the Commission to revise its procedural order, I would like to make clear that if the Commission schedules its hearing during the specified period I will not be able to attend. Our Staff Attorney position is currently vacant and it is possible that, by late June, we will have a lawyer on board who would be able to represent the OCA at a hearing scheduled during the period of June 20-30 of next year.

Thank you for the opportunity to clarify this situation and please accept my apologies for any confusion or inconvenience we have engendered.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Kreis Consumer Advocate

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