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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DG 22-045 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a
Liberty, Winter 2022/2023 Cost of Gas, Summer 2022 Cost of Gas,
DOE's Technical Statement of Faisal Deen Arif, Gas Director

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Enclosed please find the Department of Energy (DOE's) *Technical Statement of Faisal Deen Arif, Gas Director*. This technical statement provides the Commission with information and a framework for understanding DOE's position in advance of the cost of gas hearing scheduled for October 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. It is also responsive to a request from the Company for further information about the position Director Deen Arif will take.

For the reasons stated in Director Deen Arif's technical statement, DOE:

- recommends that the Commission review and approve winter rates to be effective November 1, 2022; and
- recommends that the Commission defer approval of summer rates at this time, subject to the Company filing updated COG testimony, schedules, and tariff pages (based on the current filing) on or about March 15, 2022, thereafter subject to DOE recommendation, and Commission review and approval of rates to be effective May 1.

Consistent with the Commission's current policy, this letter is being filed solely in electronic form. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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