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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street Concord, NH 03301-2429

Re: DG 22-045 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a/ Liberty Winter 2022-23 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas, *DOE post-hearing statement*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

At the hearing held in this docket on October 25, 2022, the Department of Energy (DOE) sought permission to verify that the rate information Liberty EnergyNorth identified in its response to the Commission's record requests (filed October 24, 2022) matched the rate information Liberty EnergyNorth provided in its Exhibit 7 (Technical Statement of Heather Tebbetts, originally filed on October 7, 2022). The Commission granted DOE permission to make a post-hearing filing.

DOE has verified that all most all of the Company's responses to "Record Request 1of 4" are supported by Exhibit 7.¹ DOE notes that Exhibit 7, Bates Page 9, contains LDAC information the Company acknowledged at the hearing, on the record, as incorrect. *See* Exhibit 7 Bates Page 9 (identifying incorrect proposed residential LDAC of \$0.1065) and Bates Page 061 (identifying the correct, proposed, residential LDAC of \$0.1110).

DOE has verified that "Record Request 2 of 4" or "Record Request 3 of 4" are supported by rates provided in Exhibit 7, based on the Company's reference to Bates page number *from Exhibit* 7 in "Record Request 2 of 4" and given rates already verified by DOE in the Company's "Record Request 1 of 4." There are no referenced rates to verify for "Record Request 4 of 4."

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,

/s/ Mary E. Schwarzer

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¹ DOE notes that elements in Liberty's "Record Request 1 of 4" were verified as follows: Winter Residential COG, Exhibit 7 Bates Page 2, Residential LDAC Exhibit 7, Bates Page 61, Winter Distribution (delivery charge) Bates 009 R-3, prior (information not explicitly identified as "weighted average").