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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 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas, *DOE Assented-To Proposal to Revise Procedural Schedule (add approximately one month)*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (DOE or “the Department”) respectfully requests a change in the approved procedural schedule to extend deadlines in this docket by approximately one month. This request will require a new hearing date as well.

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) and Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or “the Company”) assented to the relief requested in principle on or about April 7. Developing a specific schedule required additional time. OCA and Liberty assented to the specific schedule set forth below on April 18 and April 26, respectively.

This change is sought because the Department’s work on the “old RDAF” docket, Docket No. DG 22-041, took substantially more time than anticipated. OCA and Liberty are also parties in the “Old RDAF” docket. That focus took time away from work required in Docket No. 22-045, the docket at issue here, addressing “new RDAF” and the gasholder.

The proposed schedule follows on the next page:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date (and Time)</u>
Technical Session # 4	May 9, 2023, Tuesday 1 pm to 4:30 pm
Liberty update prefiled direct testimony (if needed)	May 23, 2023 Tuesday
DOE/OCA prefiled direct Testimony	June 5, 2023 Monday
Liberty DRs to Parties	June 19, 2023, Monday
Data Responses to Liberty	June 30, 2023, Friday
Liberty Rebuttal (if needed)	July 10, 2023, Monday
Tech Session #5	July 17, 2023, Monday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Settlement Conference	July 27, 2023 Thursday 10 am to 4 p.m.
Settlement Agreement	August 10, 2023 Thursday
Exhibits Due	August 10, 2023 Thursday
Hearing (NEW DATE)	late August or first week in Sept

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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