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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 request for opportunity to review Liberty's responses to Commission Record Requests*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On May 3, 2023, the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) directed Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty Gas" or "the Company") to respond to several record requests regarding the reasons for Liberty Gas's summer rate increase in the context of declining NYMEX prices, and under collections included in the summer 2023 rates. Liberty Gas's responses are due on or before May 15, 2023.

The Department of Energy (DOE or "the Department") respectfully requests an opportunity to review Liberty Gas's responses to the Commission's record request and comment on any substantive answers Liberty Gas may provide, including but not limited to potentially proposing a rate adjustment or change for the next *appropriate* trigger filing period. As of the date of this letter, Liberty Gas will make another trigger filing (with or without a request for a change in rates, at its discretion) for rates to be effective June 1, 2023. The Department notes that, consistent with past practice, the trigger filings at issue here will be reviewed and reconciled in the EnergyNorth Winter 2023-2024 cost of gas/LDAC filing.

The Department asks that it be permitted to review and file comments with the Commission on or before Friday, May 25, 2023.

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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