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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DE 22-045 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Winter 2022-2023 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas, *Department's Request to Reschedule the Continued Hearing from November 8, 2023 to either December 13, 2023 or December 14, 2023.*

Dear Chair Goldner:

A hearing was held in this docket on August 30, 2023 to address Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor (RDAF) matters, *inter alia*. The Commission has continued the hearing in this docket to November 8, 2023. *See Procedural Order Re: Continuation of Hearing and Record Requests* (September 1, 2023).

The New Hampshire Department of Energy ("the Department" or "DOE") respectfully requests that the Commission reschedule the November 8, 2023 date because the Department's consultant is unavailable for the preceding thirteen days, which will make proceeding on November 8, 2023 problematic.

The Department has consulted with the other parties to this docket, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA). By and through counsel, Michael Sheehan and Don Kreis, respectively, both parties (including counsel and all witnesses) are available for hearing on either December 13, 2023 or December 14, 2023. The Department's counsel and witnesses are also available on those dates.

The Department's request to reschedule the hearing is consistent with Commission requirements. *See* N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 203.13, "*Postponement of Hearing*." This request is being filed at least seven days prior to the date of hearing and the party requesting postponement (the DOE) has obtained the concurrence of the other parties. The DOE has also provided two other dates which are workable dates for all parties to this docket. Accordingly, the Department respectfully asks that the Commission reschedule the continued hearing in this docket from November 8, 2023 to December 13, 2023 or December 14, 2023.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic format.

Respectfully Submitted,

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