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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's Renewed Request for **EXPEDITED** ruling.*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On November 21, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy ("DOE" or "Department") asked the Commission to postpone Hearing Day Two in this docket, scheduled for December 13, 2023 and for **EXPEDITED** review of the DOE's request because the utility in this docket failed to provide necessary discovery that DOE diligently pursued. *See* Puc 203.13 and DOE Letter (Nov. 13, 2023).

The DOE is hereby renewing its request for expedited ruling. Due to other filing deadlines in other gas dockets, including but not limited to Technical Statements in gas dockets Nos. DG 23-076, DG 23-086, and a pending technical statement due in Docket No. DG 23-087 (due December 5, December 8, and December 14 respectively) and due to no ability to predict whether Liberty will file complete discovery on or before the close of business today, December 1, as well as virtually no time in which to determine if what is filed is sufficient, DOE renews its request for EXPEDITED ruling on its request to continue the December 13 hearing in this docket.

The DOE would greatly appreciate a ruling from the Commission, **at its earliest opportunity and before noon on Monday, December 4, 2023**, with regard to whether the Commission will move the hearing in light of the challenges DOE faces in reaching a conclusion in this docket absent full discovery. DOE wishes to avoid, if possible, the necessity of submitting evidence and exhibits on December 6 for a hearing that will be rescheduled or that will result in less than a full analysis from DOE.

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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