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May 31, 2023

Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street  
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Re: DG 23-027 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, Petition  
to Modify Cost of Gas Procedure, *DOE Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Public Utilities Commission (Commission) has directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule in this docket on or before May 31, 2023. *See* Commission's Prehearing Order (May 30, 2023). At the conclusion of the technical session, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, (Liberty Gas or the Company) agreed to draft a proposed procedural schedule for the parties' review.

As discussed at the May 18, 2023 technical session, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (the Department or DOE) has asked Liberty Gas and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) to agree to one set of data requests and one technical session in this docket, if needed. Liberty and the OCA declined. Accordingly, as required, the Department submits the following procedural schedule for the Commission's consideration.

Monday, June 12, 2023:

- Liberty to provide the parties with proposed tariff language to implement the proposed changes to the existing process to divide the COG and LDAC into different schedules.
- Liberty to answer Department Set 1 Data Requests filed into the discovery docket on May 24, 2023, seeking Liberty's specific analysis of tariff language and proposed tariff pages.
- Liberty to confirm the earliest possible date it can make its LDAC filing, noting that in Dkt. DG 22-045 the LDAC filing was made on or about August 2, 2022.

Friday, June 16, 2023:

Data Requests to Liberty with questions on tariff language, if necessary.

Monday, June 19, 2023:

The Department will provide the parties with proposed default schedules (templates) for the following tracks: LDAC, EnergyNorth Winter/Summer; Liberty Keene Winter; Liberty Keene Summer, and said drafts to be consistent with Liberty and DOE's Joint Report in Dockets No. 21-130 and 21-132.

Monday, June 26, 2023: Liberty's data responses to DRs are due.

Thursday, June 29, 2023, 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (remote):

Technical Session for parties to discuss proposed tariff pages and proposed default schedules. Ideally discussion and adjustments will have occurred prior to this date, and this technical session will provide an opportunity for a final (settlement) discussion.

Friday, July 7, 2023:

The parties will inform the Commission as to whether there is agreement on the tariff changes necessary to implement the new procedure, and whether there is agreement on the proposed default schedules

- If agreement, the parties will ask the Commission to approve the new tariff language and default schedules without a hearing.
- If the parties cannot reach agreement on the tariff language and/or proposed default schedules, the parties will ask the Commission to schedule a hearing during the last week of July so that the Commission can issue an order before August 14, 2023.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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