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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

> Re: Docket No. DG 23-067 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Request for Change in Distribution Rates

To the Commission:

Please treat this letter as the response of the Office of the Consumer Advocate ("OCA") to the Commission's request that the parties file a statement of position on or before September 29, 2023, regarding the temporary rate proposal of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty.

Succinctly, the OCA supports the settlement agreement under the terms the Department outlined in its position statement dated September 26, 2023 (tab 17) in this docket. The OCA has participated in several settlement discussions with both Liberty and the Department in forming its position.

The Commission has ordered that the morning hearing originally scheduled for today, September 27, 2023, is cancelled but has indicated that the hearing will be rescheduled via a separate procedural order. Should the Commission choose to reschedule the hearing for this afternoon, the OCA remains available to attend.

We look forward to participating.

Sincerely,

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