STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 23-067

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY Request for Change in Distribution Rates

Procedural Order Re: Postponement of Hearing on Temporary Rates, Request for Department of Energy Statement of Position, and Continued Suspension of Proposed Temporary Rate Tariffs

The Commission's Order No. 26,877 (August 25, 2023) scheduled a hearing in this docket regarding the proposal of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty, or the Company) for temporary rates (to be effective October 1, 2023) on September 27, 2023. Order No. 26,877 also suspended the Company's proposed Tariffs, including the proposed tariffs for temporary rates, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(a) for a period of 12 months. Order No. 26,877 at 6.

Since that time, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) has not filed a written position regarding the Company's temporary rate proposal with the Commission, nor has a settlement agreement been filed for the Commission's consideration. In light of this, the Commission hereby CANCELS the hearing scheduled for tomorrow, September 27, 2023, and requests that the DOE (and any other interested party) make a filing indicating to the Commission as to when it will file a written statement of position regarding the Company's temporary rate proposal no later than the close of business on Friday, September 29, 2023. The Commission will reschedule the hearing for the matter of Liberty's temporary rates after assessing the filing(s), by a separate procedural order. Also, the Commission reiterates that the Company's proposed tariffs for temporary rates are SUSPENDED pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(a), and notes that the effective date of any approved temporary rates for Liberty will be after October 1, 2023.

So ordered, this 26th day of September, 2023.

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