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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, 2022-2023 Cost of Gas (RDAF), and DG 23-076 Liberty 2023-24 COG (RDAF) *DOE Assented-To Delay in Procedural Schedules re Change in Consultant Availability*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (“DOE” or “Department”) writes in response to the Commission’s February 2, 2024 *Procedural Order*.

The Department has been working with the other parties to propose procedural schedules for pending RDAF docket, Dkts. No. DG 22-045 and DG 23-076 Docket. Several complete schedules have been proposed, including ones that provided additional weeks for Liberty to conduct discovery. In combination with those adjustment, yesterday the Department’s consultant identified a new range of dates when he is unavailable due to new obligations and the Department must re-examine and reframe proposed schedules and thereafter seek the other parties’ agreements. Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate do not object to this delay

The Department anticipates being able to provide new proposed schedules to the Commission promptly and sincerely regrets this delay and any inconvenience to the Commission. (The Department also notes that it did not file a technical statement on January 19 2024, because that date was contingent on Liberty providing discovery responses on December 1, which were not then forthcoming).

The Department appreciates the Commission’s patience and is mindful of the Commission’s wish that RDAF dockets move forward with due speed. Consistent with the Commission’s current practice, this letter is being filed in electronic form. Again, the Department regrets the delay and inconvenience to the Commission. This letter will be filed in both Dockets No. DG 22-045 and DG 23-076.

Respectfully Submitted,
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