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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street
Concord, NH 03301

Re: DG 23-084 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division; Winter 2023-2024 Cost of Gas; Request to Modify Procedural Order

Dear Chairman Goldner:

On September 27, 2023, the Public Utilities Commission (PUC or Commission) issued its Procedural Order and scheduled a hearing in this matter for October 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The PUC also ordered the Department of Energy (DOE or Department) to file its position and its reasoning on or before October 12, 2023. Also on September 27, 2023 the parties scheduled a technical session for this docket on October 12, 2023 between noon and 2:00 p.m. Given that the parties will be holding a technical session on October 12th, the DOE respectfully requests that the PUC modify its September 27th Procedural Order and allow the DOE to file its position no later than Friday, October 13, 2023.

The Department contacted Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division (Liberty) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) for their position on this request. Both Liberty and the OCA stated that they do not object to this request. Based on the foregoing, the Department respectfully requests that the PUC modify its Procedural Order and allow the DOE to file its position no later than October 13, 2023.

The Department's request for an additional day to file its position statement is consistent with the New Hampshire Admin Rules 202.04(c) because it will not delay the proceeding and the Technical Session is an important piece underlying the Department's Position.

Consistent with the Commission's current practices, this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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