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

Re: DG 24-100; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division; Winter 2024-2025 Cost of Gas; *Proposed Procedural Schedule*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (“DOE” or Department) has consulted with Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division (“Liberty Keene”) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) and proposes the following schedule in the above-captioned matter.

The Department proposes the following schedule, with the intent, to stay in alignment with the adopted default schedule approved in Docket No. DG 23-027. There are some deviations to the default schedule because undersigned counsel will be attending NARUC’s rate school October 12th through the 18th and will be unable to attend a hearing those days.

9/9 Liberty files its Keene COG filing
9/13 DOE/OCA Data Requests Set 1
9/23 Liberty responses to DR Set 1
09/26 Technical Session #1, 2:00-4:30 pm
09/27 Company Updated Filing
10/01 DOE/OCA Data Requests Set 2 (if needed)
10/08 Liberty responses to DR set 2 (if needed)
10/10 Technical Session #2, 8:00 am-10:00 am
10/15 DOE Technical Statement due
10/16 Exhibits due
10/23 Hearing

If the above schedule does not give the Commission enough time to draft an order by the end of October so that rates can go into effect on November 1, 2024, the Department, in the alternative, proposes the following schedule:

9/9 COG filing
9/13 DOE/OCA Data Requests Set 1
9/23 Liberty responses to DR Set 1
9/27 Technical Session at 10:00 am
10/01 Company updated filing
10/02 Technical Session #2 (if needed), 8:00 am-8:45 am
10/04 Exhibits due
10/10 Hearing

Liberty Keene and the OCA are in agreement with the preferred schedule and Liberty Keene is in agreement with the alternate schedule as well. The OCA is not in agreement with the alternate schedule due to scheduling conflicts in docket DE 24-070.

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

Sincerely,

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