

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 17-152

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan

Procedural Order Re: Motion for Waiver of Certain LCIRP Requirements

On September 14, 2022, the Commission issued interim Order No. 26,684, in which it did not approve the settlement agreement filed by Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty), the New Hampshire Department of Energy, and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. In Order No. 26,684, the Commission directed Liberty to submit its next Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan (LCIRP) filing by October 3, 2022, which was required to include: (1) a forecast of future demand, pursuant to RSA 378:38, I; (2) an assessment of demand-side energy management programs, pursuant to RSA 378:38, II; and (3) an assessment of supply options, pursuant to RSA 378:38, III.¹

Noting the short amount of time remaining before October 3, 2022, the Commission permitted Liberty to request a waiver, pursuant to RSA 378:38-a and no later than September 21, 2022, of the remaining statutory elements of its next LCIRP, which would be filed by May 1, 2023. On September 22, 2022, Liberty filed a motion to waive these remaining statutory elements of the LCIRP, so that it could file them by May 1, 2023, instead. Liberty stated that it intended to file an initial disclosure of its capital planning information but requested that it also be permitted to supplement this information by May 1, 2023, if necessary. Liberty maintained that the short amount of time between the

¹ Order No. 26,684 referred to RSA 378:38, II for the third element in error. RSA 378:38, III is the correct statutory citation for this third element.

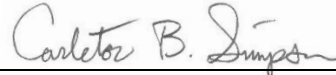
issuance of Order No. 26,684 on September 14, 2022, and the October 3, 2022, deadline for filing its LCIRP constituted good cause for its waiver request.

No objections to Liberty's motion for waiver were filed. Liberty's Motion for Waiver of Certain LCIRP Requirements has been GRANTED. See RSA 378:38-a.

So ordered, this twenty-ninth day of September, 2022.



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