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Debra A. Howland Executive Director and Secretary New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301-7319

RE: DG 11-040 Liberty Energy and National Grid Request for Consumer Complaint and Inquiry Information

Dear Ms. Howland:

As you know, the above-captioned proceeding concerns the proposed acquisition by Liberty Energy of two National Grid's subsidiaries, Granite State Electric and EnergyNorth Natural Gas. In furtherance of the OCA's review of the proposed transaction, I contacted the Director of the Consumer Affairs Division and the attorney assigned to the docket to request copies of the Commission's records related to customer complaints of Granite State and EnergyNorth for the period from August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011. In response, Staff requested that I submit a request pursuant to RSA 91-A, the Right to Know law.

The OCA does not concede that RSA 91-A governs this request for information or the Commission's response to the OCA's request. As a public agency governed by RSA 91-A and charged by RSA 363:28 with the duty to advocate on behalf of residential utility customers, the OCA should be afforded access to all information on file with the Commission concerning these customers. To the extent that information obtained by the OCA from the Commission is entitled to protection pursuant to RSA 91-A:5, IV, the OCA is also required to protect it. Therefore, the OCA disagrees that RSA 91-A, which governs requests for information by members of the public, is intended to apply to requests for information from one executive branch agency of the government to another.

Without waiving any of the OCA's rights, and in the interest of time, I hereby request pursuant to RSA 91-A copies of all records on file with the Commission regarding complaints or inquiries filed by residential customers of Granite State and EnergyNorth for the period August 1, 2010 through July 31, 2011. To the extent that the Commission redacts information from

these records pursuant to RSA 91-A:5, IV (or otherwise), please provide a description of each type of information redacted and the basis for each redaction.

Thank you for your assistance. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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