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Re: DG 11-040 NATIONAL GRID USA, et al.
Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership of Granite State Electric
and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities Corp.
Gas Safety Performance Metric Failure Notification

Dear Sirs:

Reference is made to the Gas Safety Performance Metrics set forth in Attachment O to the Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned docket approved by the Commission in Order No. 25,370 (Settlement Agreement). Commission Staff has reviewed the performance record of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty ENNG), during calendar years 2012 and 2013 to determine its compliance with the Gas Safety Performance Metrics.

Staff has concluded that there were no failures to achieve a Gas Safety Performance Metric during calendar year 2012, and that Liberty ENNG achieved 6 out of 7 of the Gas Safety Performance Metrics during calendar year 2013. Staff has concluded, however, that Liberty ENNG failed to achieve the Excavation Damages Metric during calendar year 2013 because there were 15 or more excavation damage reports for this calendar year.

Pursuant to Section V.E.3.c.ii of the Settlement Agreement, Liberty ENNG and National Grid are hereby notified of the failure to achieve the Excavation Damages Metric for calendar year 2013, and Liberty ENNG and National Grid shall jointly provide Staff a written explanation of the reason for the failure to achieve this Gas Safety Performance Metric within 15 days of the date of this letter. A copy of such written explanation must also be provided to the Office of the Consumer Advocate.

If you should have any questions regarding this notification, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the above address.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David K. Wiesner". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'D' and 'W'.

David K. Wiesner
Staff Attorney

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