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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Re: Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership of Granite State Electric Company and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp. and for Related Approvals

DG 11-040

Petition for Intervention

The Business and Industry Association of New Hampshire (BIA), submits this Petition for Intervention, and states as follows:

- 1. The BIA is a not for profit business association, which advocates for policies that promote and preserve the economic well being of the state. The BIA is composed of approximately 400 businesses in the state. These businesses vary in size and represent all segments of the business and industrial communities.
- 2. The resolution of this docket will directly affect Granite State Electric Company and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc.'s commercial and industrial customers. Many of these customers affected by this proposal are BIA members.
- 3. The BIA has participated in numerous proceedings before the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission in the past regarding issues similar to those presented in this docket. These issues are of critical concern to the business community and all citizens in New Hampshire.
- 4. BIA's participating in the proceeding will not disrupt the orderly conduct of this proceeding, or delay the proceedings.
- 5. The BIA plans to monitor the proceedings, and provide comments to the Commission and parties as appropriate.
- 6. For the foregoing reasons, the BIA's rights, duties, privileges, immunities and other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding.

The BIA respectfully requests that it be granted full intervenor status in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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