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Via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail

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

Re: DG 16-769 - Concord Steam Corporation – Petition for Emergency Rates and to Discontinue Service; and DG 16-770 – Liberty Utilities and Concord Steam Corporation –Joint Petition for Approval of Asset Purchase Agreement

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of Concord Steam Corporation (“Concord Steam”) to request that the Commission issue orders as soon as possible on the merits in the above-captioned dockets so that Concord Steam can receive needed funds from its lender, Merrimack County Savings Bank (“MCSB”).

Concord Steam has significant near-term financial obligations. Because the bulk of Concord Steam’s sales revenues are received during the winter months, the company’s current cash reserves are very low and insufficient to meet its near-term expenses. Thus, Concord Steam needs to access a line of credit from MCSB. Although the Commission approved Concord Steam’s request for a \$2.1 million line of credit to be provided by MCSB, *see Concord Steam Corporation*, DG 16-818, Order No. 25,952 (Oct. 7, 2016), MCSB will not release funds to Concord Steam in the absence of orders in the above-captioned dockets. Accordingly, Concord Steam respectfully requests that the Commission issue these orders as soon as possible.

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Please contact me if there are any questions about this matter. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,



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