

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 17-023

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

Excess Flow Valve Regulations

ASSENTED TO MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING

Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Liberty Utilities (collectively, the "Parties") pursuant to N.H. Admin. Puc. 203.13 hereby this Assented to Motion to Continue Hearing and in support thereof states as follows:

1. A final hearing has been set in this matter for May 26, 2017 at 10 a.m. pursuant to the procedural schedule approved by the Commission on March 27, 2017.
2. Since the date of the filing of that letter, a second gas utility (Northern Utilities) submitted notice to the Commission regarding how it proposes to treat the process of how consumers may request and the company may seek cost recovery for the installation of excess flow valves. That letter request was filed on April 12, 2017 in Docket No. 17-065. An order of notice was issued on April 28, 2017 setting that matter for a pre-hearing conference on May 26, at 1:30 p.m.
3. The issues in this docket and those in Docket No. 17-065 are related in that they involve the justness and reasonableness of any charges to be collected and the manner in which they are to be applied. *See* RSA 374:1 &2., the Parties request that the hearing in this manner be continued so that issues such as whether or not the two dockets may, or should be consolidated, can be fully explored and whether due to

commonality and typicality whether one method of recovery should be applied in both docketed cases.

4. Staff, the Office of Consumer Advocate and Liberty Utilities have reviewed this motion and assent to the relief requested.


WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Grant this Assented to Motion to Continue Hearing for the reasons stated therein; and
B. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,
Commission Staff

Date: 5/10/17

By: _____


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 11th day of May, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing to be delivered to Commission with service made electronically on all parties to the service list.



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