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Re: DG 17-048; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities;
Request for Change in Rates; Scheduling Matters

Dear Ms. Howland:

According to the procedural schedule issued by the Commission on May 31, 2017 in the above captioned proceeding, the parties (Liberty, Staff and the Office of the Consumer Advocate) are scheduled to meet in settlement conferences on January 10 and 11, 2018 and Liberty is to file rebuttal testimony on January 25, 2018. Liberty informed the parties that it plans to file rebuttal testimony on at least eight important issues and stated that its rate case should be viewed as an overall package (that is, including its rebuttal testimony).

Accordingly, the parties concur that it would be premature to meet in settlement conferences prior to the filing of Liberty's rebuttal testimony and request that the January settlement conferences be cancelled. The parties plan to meet in settlement conferences on February 6 and 7, as scheduled.

Also, the May 31, 2017 schedule includes four hearing dates (February 27 and 28, and March 6 and 7, 2018). To allow additional time for hearings in the event that settlement is not reached in this case, the parties respectfully request that additional hearings be scheduled for March 8, March 21 and March 22, 2018.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul B. Dexter".

Paul B. Dexter
Staff Attorney

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