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Re: DG 17-023 – Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, NHPUC Tariff No. 8 Revision adding Excess Flow Valves

DG 17-065 – Northern Utilities, Inc., Excess Flow Valve Installation Procedural Schedule & Motion to Consolidate

To the Parties:

On May 25, 2017, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern), the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. A representative of Liberty Utilities was also present at that pre-hearing conference. There were no motions to intervene.

At the prehearing conference, Staff offered a motion to consolidate the instant proceeding, Docket No. DG 17-023, with Docket No. DG 17-065, Liberty Utilities (Liberty), in which Liberty is seeking to amend its tariff to allow for cost recovery related to the installation of excess flow valves. Northern, Liberty and the OCA supported consolidation of both dockets citing to issues common to both dockets and noting that it would be more efficient to develop a single method of recovery of costs associated with the installation of excess flow vales. Staff requested that Docket No. DG 17-065 be the primary proceeding in this matter.

Following the prehearing conference, parties and Staff met in a technical session and agreed upon the following schedule, which Staff submitted to the Commission by letter dated June 1:

First Set of Discovery Requests	May 31, 2017
Responses to First Set of Discovery	June 12, 2017
Second Set of Discovery Requests	June 20, 2017
Response to Second Set of Discovery	June 30, 2016
Technical Session	July 14, 2017, 1:00 p.m.
Final Hearing	July 26, 2017, 10:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that consolidation of the two dockets will promote the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceedings. Accordingly, the motion has been granted and the proposed procedural schedule has been approved. For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its prehearing order and order on motion to consolidate.

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All future filings should be made in Docket DG 17-065 and a new service list will be published for Docket No. DG 17-065.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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