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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Re: Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Docket No. DG 17-152 Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan
Docket No. DG 17-198 Petition to Approve Firm Supply and
Transportation Agreements and the Granite Bridge Project
Request for Modification of Procedural Schedules

Dear Ms. Howland:

On April 5, 2018, the Commission issued a secretarial letter approving procedural schedules in the above-captioned dockets. Due to the volume of discovery requests in the two dockets and a number of delays in the discovery process, Staff proposed certain amendments to the approved schedules on June 19, 2018. A revised schedule was approved by the Commission on June 22, 2018. The revised schedule included a second round of rolling discovery starting May 29, 2018, with all responses due no later than July 23, 2018. A technical session was scheduled for August 2, 2018, to discuss those responses.

Due to delays in the provision of discovery responses, Staff respectfully requests that the August 2 technical session be cancelled and that a technical session be rescheduled no earlier than 10 days after all discovery responses have been filed, to permit adequate review and preparation. Cancellation of the technical session would permit conclusion of the current discovery round and provide adequate time for review of the responses by Staff and other parties. The parties were notified on July 24, 2018 of Staff's intent to recommend cancellation of the technical session.

As noted above, the second round of rolling discovery began on May 29, 2018. Staff issued 17 data requests on May 30, 2018, in follow-up to the May 25 technical session. Responses to those requests were filed June 13 (5), June 22 (2), and June 27 (10). Staff issued 7 data requests on June 11, 2018. Responses were filed on June 25 (6) and July 23 (1), with revisions to one response filed on July 24. Staff issued 24¹ additional data requests on July 9, 2018. Partial responses were filed on July 23 (21). Two of the three pending responses to Staff's requests involve SENDOUT modeling runs that require multiple inputs and,

¹ 25 data requests were issued, but 1 was withdrawn.

according to the Company, will take at least two weeks to complete. The runs had not yet been initiated as of the due date of July 23.

Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve the cancellation of the technical session currently scheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2018. At this time, Staff is not proposing modifications to the remainder of the approved procedural schedule, although we note that dates may need to be changed once the technical session is rescheduled.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lynn Fabrizio".

Lynn Fabrizio
Staff Attorney

cc: Service Lists - DG 17-152 and DG 17-198

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