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Ms. Debra A. Howland
Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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Dear Ms. Howland,

On behalf of the Greater Concord, Greater Manchester and Greater Nashua Chambers of Commerce, please accept this letter in support of Liberty's Expedited Motion to Extend Date for Filing Rebuttal Testimony.

We find it to be extremely important for Liberty to be given the opportunity to develop rebuttal testimony that is comprehensive and as responsive to staff and other parties' testimony as possible. Doing so will create the best pathway toward a settlement in DG 17-198, which is of paramount importance to our organizations and our members.

Without accessing a new source of natural gas capacity and supply, Liberty will be forced to stop providing new natural gas service. A moratorium on natural gas services would be devastating consequences for our members and for New Hampshire's economy, and must be avoided.

Allowing Liberty more time to respond to the substantial volume of testimony from staff and other parties is a prudent way to move toward a settlement and toward constructing new infrastructure to avoid a natural gas moratorium as soon as possible. Considering that the procedural schedule was compressed by the extension of the deadline for staff and intervenor testimony from July 31 to September 13, we believe Liberty's motion should be granted.

Sincerely,

Tim Sink
Greater Concord Chamber

Mike Skelton
Greater Manchester
Chamber

Tracy Hall
Greater Nashua Chamber