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February 26, 2019

Michael Sheehan  
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Re: Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Docket No. DG 11-040 – National Grid USA, et al.  
Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership of Granite State  
Electric and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities  
Corp.  
Docket No. DG 18-064 – Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp.  
d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
2018 Cast Iron/Bare Steel Replacement Program Results  
Staff Recommendation to Terminate Liberty’s CIBS Replacement Program

Dear Mr. Sheehan:

On February 14, 2019, Staff filed a memorandum recommending termination of Liberty’s Bare Steel and Cast Iron (CIBS) replacement and recovery program as established in Docket DG 11-040. Specifically, Staff recommended that recovery under the CIBS program should be terminated and that Liberty should continue to replace cast iron and bare steel pipes within its distribution systems under traditional rate recovery mechanisms.

Based on Staff’s memorandum, the Commission requests that Liberty file a response to Staff’s recommendation and a preliminary rate proposal for CIBS FY 2019. The preliminary rate proposal should consist of the applicable revenue requirement schedules and should be summarized in a cover letter. The Company’s response and preliminary rate proposal shall be filed by March 15, 2019, to facilitate consideration of Staff’s recommendation in light of the Company’s CIBS FY 2019 filing. A complete and updated CIBS rate proposal shall be filed by April 15, 2019.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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