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Re: Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities Petition for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, LLC

Dear Ms. Howland:

I am writing on behalf of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities in response to your request regarding the Company's basis to seek protective treatment for the confidential information marked on Bates pages 31 to 33 of Mr. DaFonte's testimony in the above-captioned docket. We have reviewed the confidential markings and determined that much of the information may now be released. Since Mr. DaFonte's testimony was filed, C2C has publicly released the pricing for its project, and thus the quoted pricing in Mr. DaFonte's testimony is no longer confidential. Accordingly, we have revised the redacted markings on the three pages, and we enclose for filing an original and six copies of the revised pages for both the confidential and redacted versions of the testimony. The Company requested approval from Atlantic Bridge to release its proposed pricing to which Atlantic Bridge would not consent. Thus, those confidential markings remain.

As a result, the only information for which the Company continues to seek protective treatment is the pricing provided by Tennessee for the cost to upgrade the Concord lateral and the projected cost of the Atlantic Bridge project. Pricing information on both these projects was provided to the Company as part of confidential negotiations potentially leading up to a transaction to procure firm capacity. This type of pricing information is not made public given that there are ongoing negotiations among shippers and owners of pipeline capacity regarding potential business transactions to procure firm capacity. These types of negotiations are very similar to the negotiations that the Company enters into on an ongoing basis to procure commodity. That information is routinely afforded protection pursuant to Puc 201.06(a)(26).

Here, both the Company and the potential counterparties (Tennessee and Algonquin Gas, the owner of the Atlantic Bridge project) have a reasonable expectation of privacy in the information based on those commercial dealings and the fact that pricing information is not publicly released unless and until a public rate is determined. Further, release of this information

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would not provide any insight regarding the workings of the Commission, but rather, if made public, would harm the Company's ability to obtain commercially sensitive cost information from pipeline companies during the course of contract negotiations. This could result in real harm to the Company's customers, who will ultimately pay for any rates associated with firm capacity obtained by the Company. For these reasons, the Company asserts that protective treatment of the information on the attached pages is appropriate pursuant to RSA 91-A:5,IV.

Thank you for your consideration of the Company's position. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,

Sarah B. Knowlton

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DG 14-380 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Petition for Approval of a Firm Transportation Agreement

Town of Dracut Right-to-Know Request

Dear Ms. Knowlton:

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth) redacted information from its December 31, 2014 filing in this proceeding. The Town of Dracut requests that the Commission disclose some of that information, and the Commission, which previously granted protection of the information, is considering Dracut's request under RSA 91-A, New Hampshire's Right to Know law.

Specifically, Dracut requests "all confidential documents submitted by Liberty in their filing which address the possible expansion of the capacity of the Concord Lateral, or the creation of any infrastructure that may be necessary to deliver gas to Liberty customers under the alternative proposals Liberty considered (PNGTS "C2C" project and Spectra Atlantic Bridge)." Energy North objects to Dracut's request claiming that the Commission "has already concluded that the information requested... is subject to protection under RSA 91-A," when it granted Liberty's Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment.

EnergyNorth's motion requested protective treatment of a "limited number of the commercial terms of the Precedent Agreement ... which ... include pricing terms, special delivery terms regarding the nature of the capacity arrangements being provided to [EnergyNorth] by Tennessee, and other financial terms of the agreement between the two parties." Not all of the redacted information found on Bates pages 31 through 33 of Mr. DaFonte's testimony appears to fall within the scope of EnergyNorth's motion. Consequently, the Commission requests that EnergyNorth explain why the redacted information on Bates pages 31-33 should not be disclosed under RSA 91-A. The deadline for EnergyNorth's response is March 24, 2015.

Sincerely

Debra A. Howland

Executive Director

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