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April 19, 2017

Re: DG 16-852, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Petition for Franchise Expansion in the Town of Hanover and the City of Lebanon  
Procedural Schedule

To the Parties:

On March 23, 2017, the Commission held a duly noticed prehearing conference in the above-referenced matter. Appearances were entered by Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), Ariel Arwen, customer of Liberty *pro se*, Jonathan Chaffee, customer of Liberty *pro se*, Samantha White and Devin Wilkie, customers of Liberty *pro se*, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Commission Staff. The Commission granted the intervention requests of Ariel Arwen, Jonathan Chaffee, Samantha White, Devin Wilkie, and the City of Lebanon.

In order to rule on the request for intervention from Mr. Wilkie on behalf of the Upper Valley Young Liberals, Mr. Wilkie should provide the Commission with information on the group's membership as well as a statement on how any rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding or information to support its intervention as a matter of justice.

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 April 17, 2017:

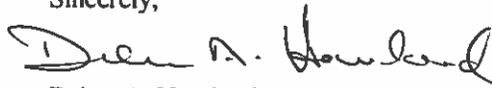
First Set of Data Requests to Company	April 26, 2017
Responses to First Set of Data Requests	May 19, 2017
Second Set of Data Requests	May 26, 2017
Responses to Second Set of Data Requests	June 2, 2017
Technical Session	June 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Staff and Intervenor Testimony	July 17, 2017
Data Requests to Staff and Intervenors	July 24, 2017
Responses from Staff & Intervenor Requests	August 9, 2017
Technical Session	August 15, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
Company Rebuttal Testimony	August 24, 2017
Hearing on the Merits	September 7, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

The Commission has determined that the proposed schedule is in the public interest and therefore has approved it.

On April 19, 2017, intervenors Ariel Arwen and Jonathan Chaffee moved to suspend the procedural schedule until the Commission rules on the Motion for Confidential Treatment filed by Liberty on November 28, 2016. Ms. Arwen and Mr. Chaffee argued that they cannot write meaningful data requests until Liberty's request for confidential treatment is decided. They also argued that it would not be appropriate to require them to enter into a protective agreement with Liberty in order to view information that Liberty claims is confidential. The Commission considered Ms. Arwen's and Mr. Chaffee's request to suspend the procedural schedule and denied it. Commission rules protect information claimed confidential until a decision on confidentiality is final. *See* Puc 203.08. Consequently, Ms. Arwen and Mr. Chaffee are directed to enter into confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements with Liberty if they wish to view allegedly confidential information during the course of this proceeding.

For administrative efficiency, the Commission has elected to issue this secretarial letter as its initial prehearing order in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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