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Ms. Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Docket No. DG 17-200, Energy North Natural Gas Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Petition for Temporary Waiver of N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 506.03

Dear Ms. Howland:

This follows up on my letter of December 29, 2017 in connection with the above-referenced docket.

The OCA has had an opportunity to consult with Commission Staff with respect to the requested rules waiver. Additionally, we participated earlier today in a teleconference with representatives of Staff and Liberty Utilities. Based on those conversations, the OCA agrees that the Commission should grant the requested rules waiver subject to the understanding that the waiver does not preclude a thorough review of the prudence of the company's management of on-site storage this winter.

It is the OCA's understanding that Staff will file a recommendation in the near future. The OCA concurs with Staff's recommendation, relying on its expertise with respect to gas supply management issues.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any concerns about the foregoing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Maurice Kreis", written over the word "Sincerely,".

D. Maurice Kreis  
Consumer Advocate

cc: Service List, via e-mail