

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DG 20-105**

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP.  
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES**

**Request for Change in Rates**

**Procedural Order Re: Rescheduled Hearing**

On September 29, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,691 scheduling a hearing in this docket on the contested rate case expenses of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) for January 17, 2023. In that order, the Commission directed the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) to conduct an audit of the Company's rate case expenses and file the results of the audit with the Commission by December 30, 2022. The DOE filed the audit on January 13, 2023, less than one business day before the January 17, 2023 hearing, explaining that the report had been completed in November and provided to Liberty, and that the late filing with the Commission was an oversight. Despite Liberty having had the report for weeks prior to the hearing, it also did not file the DOE's audit in preparation for the hearing by the December 30, 2022 deadline.

When the Commission set the hearing date, we did so to afford an adequate opportunity to prepare for the hearing. As insufficient time exists to examine the report and properly prepare for the scheduled hearing, the Commission cancels the January 17, 2023 hearing and reschedules to March 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Whereas the DOE's January 13, 2023 filing recommends a new disallowance, a deadline of February 10, 2023 is established for Liberty to file a response to the DOE's recommendation.

So ordered, this thirteenth day of January, 2023.

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Daniel C. Goldner  
Presiding Officer  
Chairman

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