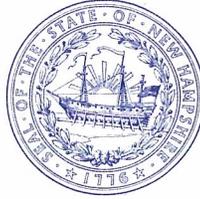


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New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
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**RE: DG 11-040 National Grid, et al.
Transfer Ownership to Liberty Energy Utilities Corp.
Request for Waiver and Extension of Deadline for Objection to Motion for
Protective Order and Confidential Treatment**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On March 7, 2011, National Grid USA (“National Grid”), National Grid NE Holdings 2 LLC, Granite State Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (“Granite State”), and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a National Grid NH (“EnergyNorth”) (collectively the “Companies”) filed a Motion for Protective Order and Confidential Treatment (“Motion”) in the above-captioned docket. Generally, the Companies’ Motion asked the Commission to grant confidential treatment to certain information provided to the Commission in connection with the Joint Petition for Authority to Transfer Ownership of Granite State Electric Company and EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. to Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corporation.

The Office of the Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) does not agree with all of the Companies’ proposed redactions. Rather than file an objection in the first instance, the OCA contacted counsel for the Companies to discuss, and attempt to resolve, its concerns. The OCA and the Companies have agreed to attempt to resolve their differences over the proposed redactions but do not believe that they can do so before the deadline for filing objections, the end of the day today. Consequently, the OCA and the Companies respectfully request that the Commission extend the deadline for the filing of an objection until the end of the day, Friday, March 18.

Puc 203.07 (e) requires a party to file an objection to a motion within 10 days of the date on which the motion is filed. Puc 201.05 permits the Commission to waive this rule so long as

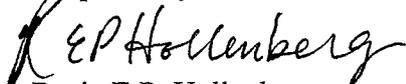


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the waiver serves the public interest; and does not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission. The proposed waiver of Puc 203.07 (e) and extension of the deadline for filing an objection to the Motion will serve the public interest. The purpose of the rule requiring timely objections will be satisfied by the proposed limited extension of the deadline for objections, and the waiver will not otherwise disrupt the schedule for these proceedings.

Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rorie E.P. Hollenberg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Rorie E.P. Hollenberg
OCA Staff Attorney

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