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January 25, 2013

Re: DG 12-001, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Investigation into Excess Capacity
Docket Closure

To the Parties:

In its Order of Notice dated February 22, 2012, the Commission opened the instant proceeding "to investigate EnergyNorth's projected supply/demand balance and whether it is prudent for EnergyNorth to plan to retain more gas supply capacity than it needs to meet forecasted design-day peak demands or whether EnergyNorth ought to take actions to reduce the excess." By letter dated November 30, 2012, Staff noted that circumstances regarding EnergyNorth's contract with Granite Ridge had changed and requested that the Commission "no longer consider its testimony." Staff noted, among other things, that it could no longer support its position set out in its September 28, 2012 that the retirement of the Manchester and Nashua propane facilities is in the public interest. In conclusion, Staff recommended that the Commission close the docket.

On December 5, 2012, the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter with the Commission objecting to Staff's request to withdraw the Testimony of George McCluskey. EnergyNorth responded to the OCA's letter on December 7, 2012, and pointed out that Staff had not requested that its testimony be withdrawn, rather Staff had asked that the Commission not consider the testimony and close the docket.

Based on the foregoing, the Commission has closed Docket No. 12-001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland".

Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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