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December 4, 2015

RE: DE 14-380, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Order No. 25,845

To the Parties:

Enclosed is revised page 6 of Order No. 25,845 (December 2, 2015). On line 16  
"including Dracut 50,000," has been deleted.

All other portions of this order remain unchanged. Please substitute the enclosed revised  
page to your copy of Order No. 25,845.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Debra A. Howland", is written over a horizontal line.

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director and Secretary

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more); *id.* at 7-10 (the Company does not require replacement capacity on NED). They lacked merit before and they lack merit now. As discussed in the Order, we found the testimony supporting the price volatility at Dracut credible. Order at 27-28; *see, e.g.*, Tr. Day 1 at 66, lines 4-10 (NED avoids Dracut, described as “one of the highest price points in North America” for purchasing gas); Tr. Day 3 at 79, line 4 to 80, line 5 (PLAN witness agreed with EnergyNorth’s witness’s concern about price spikes at Dracut, stating “his point is certainly well taken that there’s been a great deal of price volatility in New England the last several winters”); *id.* at 82, lines 10-13 (PLAN’s witness testified the “issue with supply at Dracut, in particular, and New England more generally, is largely an issue of price”).

As PLAN noted in its motion, we also based our conclusions on other benefits of replacing the Dracut supply: (1) avoidance of supply constraints at Dracut, (2) increased reliability, (3) opportunity for a new lateral off West Nashua delivery point, and (4) avoidance of costly upgrades to the Concord Lateral. PLAN Motion at 3 (citing Order at 27-28). Based on the evidence presented, the alternate supply provided by the Precedent Agreement appears to be a less expensive source of supply compared with the alternatives. Hearing Tr. Day 1 at 57, lines 2-7, and 177, lines 10-14 (115,000 on NED, ensures long-term reliability of supply at least cost); Tr. Day 2 at 83, line 23, to 84, line 16 (NED project less expensive than alternatives even without costs of Concord Lateral expansion). Therefore, we reject PLAN’s argument that we erred in our findings about the replacement of the existing Dracut capacity.

### **C. LNG to Meet Demand**

PLAN argues that the Commission erred in not considering adding liquid natural gas (“LNG”) storage and vaporization to meet anticipated growth requirements. PLAN Motion

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