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Via Electronic Mail and Hand-Delivery

Debra A. Howland, Executive Director
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

**Re: DG 17-048 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Request for Change in Rates**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, I respectfully ask the Commission to cancel the first two hearing dates in the above docket, February 27 and 28, 2018.

The basis for this request is that Liberty and the OCA have reached a comprehensive agreement in principle as to all issues in this docket. This agreement affects the February hearing dates as follows. First, the Settling Parties will not be able to file a signed settlement agreement sufficiently in advance of the hearing to satisfy Puc 203.20, to afford the Settling Parties sufficient time to prepare an appropriate presentation of the settlement, and to afford Staff time to decide whether to join the settlement.

Second, this comprehensive agreement between the OCA and Liberty significantly decreases the amount of hearing time necessary to review the settlement and address any issues that remain unresolved. There are two other firm hearing days on the Commission calendar (March 6 and 7), and three tentative dates (March 8, 21, and 22). The one year suspension period in this docket expires May 1, 2018.

The OCA supports this request. Staff advised that it takes no position on the request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Sheehan".

Michael J. Sheehan

cc: Service List