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Re: DG 17-152, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan
Granting Petition to Intervene of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

To the Parties:

On July 18, 2019, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) filed a late petition to intervene in the above-referenced matter. The deadline for filing petitions to intervene was March 7, 2018. *See* Order of Notice dated February 8, 2018. Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a letter stating that it does not object to NHDES's petition. No other responses to that petition have been filed.

In its petition, NHDES asserted that, during the June 20, 2019 technical session, NHDES was identified as a source of information regarding the environmental and public health requirements listed in RSA 378:38 and :39, which Liberty was required to address in a supplement to its Least Cost Integrated Resource Plan filing. *See* Order No. 26,225 (March 13, 2019). NHDES stated that it has a substantial interest in environmental quality and public health, because NHDES is responsible for implementing laws and regulations that protect the environment and public health. NHDES maintained that its intervention in this matter would serve the interests of justice and would not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings. NHDES noted that it has previously intervened in a number of proceedings before the Commission.

Accordingly, the Commission has granted NHDES's request to intervene, finding that the standard for intervention in RSA 541-A:32, I has been met. *See* N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17. NHDES shall comply with the existing procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debra A. Howland".

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