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2021–2023 Triennial Energy Efficiency Plan

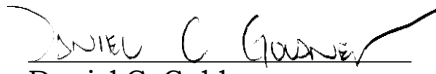
Expedited Order Re: Clarification of Order No. 26,553

On December 3, 2021, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (collectively, Liberty) filed a motion requesting either an immediate stay or clarification of Order No. 26,553 (November 12, 2021). According to Liberty, implementation of Order No. 26,553 prior to resolution of certain issues, including issues yet to be raised, will cause irreparable harm. Additionally, Liberty stated that Order No. 26,553 did not specifically grant authority for Liberty to continue offering its energy efficiency programming between November 12, 2021 and the date that the Commission issues a further order on energy efficiency programming. Liberty acknowledged that Order No. 26,553 requires new plan filings on December 15, 2021.

Although the Presiding Officer believes that Order No. 26,553 is clear in its effect, to address Liberty's concern that authority to continue offering existing programming is not explicit, it is hereby clarified as follows. Order No. 26,553 does not disturb the Joint Utilities' authority to continue offering energy efficiency programming pursuant to Order No. 26,440 (December 29, 2020), subject to the rates established in Order No. 26,553. Order No. 26,553 establishes further process relating to the energy efficiency program structure. Liberty and all of the Joint Utilities may continue to rely on Order No. 26,440 for authorization to offer their 2020 energy efficiency programs until the Commission issues a final order on programming following the Joint Utilities' December 15, 2021 filings.

To the extent that New Hampshire Administrative Rule Puc 203.07(e) provides 10 days for objections to a motion, it is hereby waived. *See* N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05(a). Such a waiver serves the public interest and will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the Commission, because expedited clarification of Order No. 26,553 addresses Liberty's request for immediate action premised on Liberty's assertion of the potential for irreparable harm. *See id.*

So ordered, this sixth day of December, 2021.



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