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Re: Docket No. DG 20-105
Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Report of Technical Session and Proposed Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

On July 31, 2020, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities filed a petition to implement new permanent rates effective September 1, 2020 and to set temporary rates effective October 1, 2020, and to amend various tariffs. The Commission issued Order No. 26,395 (August 19, 2020) which suspended the proposed tariffs and scheduled a pre-hearing conference and technical session for September 3, 2020 and a hearing on temporary rates for September 16, 2020.

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter on July 8, 2020 indicating its participation in the docket.

Following the September 3 prehearing conference, Staff, Liberty and the OCA met in a technical session, discussed a proposed procedural schedule for this proceeding, and hereby jointly propose the following schedule:

Rolling Data Requests to Company Begins	August 5, 2020
Final Set of First Round of Data Requests	October 30, 2020
Final Responses to First Round of Data Requests	November 13, 2020
Technical Sessions	December 1 and 3, 2020
Second Round of Rolling Data Requests to Company	December 10, 2020
Final Set of Second Round of Data Requests	January 7, 2021
Final Responses to Second Round of Discovery	January 22, 2021
Technical Sessions	February 2 and 4, 2021
Technical Session Data Requests	February 9, 2021
Final Responses on Technical Session Data Requests	February 24, 2021
Staff & Intervenor Testimony	March 18, 2021
Company Data Requests to Staff & Intervenors	March 25, 2021
Staff & Intervenor Responses	April 8, 2021

Settlement Conferences	April 14 and 15, 2021
Company Rebuttal Testimony – if needed	April 29, 2021
Settlement Conferences	May 6, 7 and 11, 2021
Target Date for Filing a Settlement	May 19, 2021
Hearings	May 25, 26, and June 2, 3, and 8, 2021

Staff, Liberty and the OCA agree that data responses will be due 10 business days from the issuance of data requests.

On behalf of Liberty and the OCA, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission approve this proposed procedural schedule.

Sincerely,

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