

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 21-036

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

**Petition for Approval of a Renewable Natural Gas Supply
and Transportation Agreement**

Procedural Order Re: Pending Motions

In the procedural order issued on July 12, 2022, the Commission granted Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty's (Liberty) request to reactivate this docket following the enactment of SB 424-FN, effective June 24, 2022, which requires gas utilities electing to purchase renewable natural gas (RNG) to conduct a competitive bidding process using requests for proposals (RFPs) under new RSA chapter 362-I. It required Liberty to file a procedural schedule by August 15, 2022, that included a deadline, if necessary, for Liberty to file an amended petition.

Liberty filed a proposed procedural schedule on August 15, to which the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) objected. The DOE filed its response on the same date, requesting more time in which to either file its own procedural schedule or a motion to stay this docket. On August 19, 2022, Liberty filed a request to suspend the docket to allow the new RFP process "to run its course" and to separate this process from the existing contract that Liberty has asked the Commission to approve in this docket. No objections to Liberty's request to suspend were filed.

In light of Liberty's August 19 request to suspend this docket, Liberty's proposed procedural schedule filed on August 15 is deemed WITHDRAWN, and the DOE's August 15 request for more time is MOOT. Liberty correctly noted that the petition filed in this docket requests the Commission to approve an RNG supply and transportation agreement,

which did not result from the RFP process now required by RSA chapter 362-I.

Accordingly, the above-captioned docket is closed, so that Liberty can complete the RFP process and select a bidder on its own schedule. Once it has done so, Liberty may file a new petition for approval of an RNG supply and transportation contract, for which a new docket will be opened.

So ordered, this thirty-first day of August, 2022.



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Chairman



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