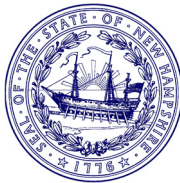


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Via Electronic Mail Only

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Re: Docket No. DG 21-130 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a
Liberty Winter 2021/2022 Cost of Gas Filing and Summer 2022 Cost of Gas Filing
*Modify existing procedural schedule to add data requests following the Oct. 13 tech
session*

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

I am writing to ask the Commission to modify the existing procedural schedule. On October 5, 2021, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty agreed to allow the parties Department of Energy (Energy) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) to file additional data requests following the October 13, 2021 technical session, as has traditionally been the case. Energy has proposed data requests, if needed, by October 15th, and has asked Liberty to file data request responses by October 20th. Liberty proposed an October 22nd response date instead, (as it did for the parallel Keene Division cost of gas docket, Docket No. Dg 21-132). October 22, 2021, is the last business day before the hearing scheduled on Monday, October 25, 2021.

While Energy appreciates that Liberty does not wish to commit to a deadline it is not confident it can meet, Energy needs an opportunity to review responses in advance of hearing. In addition, as one set of data requests has already issued in this docket, Energy does not anticipate numerous additional requests.

Liberty and the OCA were emailed a draft of this letter at 11:20 a.m. this morning. Counsel of each party were called at 3:30 p.m. The undersigned does not have their response with regard to Energy's proposed data request response deadline.

Accordingly, Energy asks the Public Utilities Commission to supplement the approved procedural schedule as follows, notwithstanding Liberty's objection to the response date:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Data Requests following Technical Session	October 15, 2021
Liberty Responses to Technical Session Data Requests	October 20, 2021

Pursuant to the March 17, 2020 secretarial letter, only an electronic version of this letter will be filed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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