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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman
Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street
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Re: DG 22-045 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a
Liberty, Winter 2022-2023 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas, *DOE concerns re trigger
filing to be effective January 1, 2023*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The Department of Energy (DOE) is writing to memorialize a concern with the trigger filing Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or "the Company") made on December 22, 2022, for rates to be effective January 1, 2023.

In its December 22, 2022 trigger filing, the Company's proposed rates and tariff pages filed for effect on January 1, 2023 include the increase in LDAC rates that the Company proposed in Docket No. DE 22-081, also to be effective January 1, 2023. However, the Company has not referenced the Commission's *nisi* order supporting that proposed LDAC increase in the proposed tariff pages filed in this COG docket, Docket No. 22-045. *See* October 20, 2022 Transcript at 142, lines 3-8 in Docket No. 22-059 (Chairman directing that order changing the LDAC be filed in COG dockets). In the opinion of the DOE, the increase in LDAC rates shown in the tariff pages filed December 22, 2022 in this docket, Docket No. DG 22-045, should be supported by a reference to "Order No. 26,745 (December 14, 2022) (*NiSi*)," in the tariff pages' footers. The original COG order, Order No. 26,715 (Oct 31, 2022) -- the only order appearing in the footers -- does not permit the change in LDAC rates that is shown.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020), this letter is being filed solely in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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