STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 24-050

PNGTS, TCP, NNEIC, BGIF IV AND AIV-B

Petition to Transfer Partnership Interests

<u>Procedural Order Re: Deadline for Responses to Motions to Make</u> <u>Liberty and Northern Mandatory Parties</u>

On May 3, 2024, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) filed separate motions requesting that the Commission make Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) and Northern Utilities, Inc. (Northern) mandatory parties to this proceeding. In both motions, the DOE requested a waiver of New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.07(e) to shorten Liberty's and Northern's time to respond to the motions from ten days to five days, or by the May 10, 2024 deadline for objections to petitions to intervene contained in the April 17, 2024 order of notice. The DOE contended that a shortened response period was warranted given "this compressed docket," in which a hearing has been scheduled on June 13, 2024. As of today's date, no response has been filed to the DOE's waiver request.

Unless precluded by statute, the Commission shall waive the provisions of one or more of its administrative rules if doing so would not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of the matters before it and the waiver would serve the public interest, in that: (1) compliance with the rule in question would be onerous or inapplicable; or (2) the purpose of the rule would be satisfied by a proposed alternative method. N.H. Admin. R., Puc 201.05(a) and (b). Given the short amount of time remaining before May 10, the Commission issues this order now and finds that a waiver of Puc 203.07(e) in this instance DG 24-050 Page 2

would not serve the public interest. Therefore, the DOE's request to waive Puc 203.07(e) is

DENIED.

So ordered, this eighth day of May, 2024.

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