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June 25, 2021

Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: DG 20-13

Gas Assistance Program

September 25, 2021 Report to Commission – Procedural Schedule

Dear Ms. Howland:

On June 11, 2021, by Secretarial Letter, the Commission scheduled a technical session in this docket and directed Staff to file a report with the Commission thereafter.

Northern Utilities, Inc.; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty; the Office of the Consumer Advocate; The Way Home (though New Hampshire Legal Assistance); the New Hampshire Community Action Agencies; and Commission Staff<sup>1</sup> (the parties) held a technical session on June 22, 2021, as scheduled. The parties agree to the following procedural schedule, and ask the Commission to approve it.

- First set of data requests (DRs) by July 7, 2021
- Responses to DRs filed by July 21, 2021
- A second technical session (with remote access) shall be held on July 22, 2021 at 1:30 pm
- The parties agree to a second set of DRs (if needed), issue and response dates TBD
- The parties agree to two additional technical sessions (if needed).

The parties agree it is best to wait to request a specific hearing date. The Commission's adoption or rejection of any benchmark recommendations the parties might make would not delay administration of the Gas Assistance Program (GAP) during the November 1, 2020-April 30, 2021 period.

Consistent with the Commission's *Temporary Changes in Filing Requirements* (March 17, 2020) due to the COVID-19 state of emergency, which remain posted at the Commission website this afternoon, this is being filed solely in electronic form.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Soon to be Department of Energy Staff

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 271-6030 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mary E. Schwarzer

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