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Daniel C. Goldner, Chairman  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 South Fruit Street  
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Re: DG 23-067; Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty;  
Request for Change in Distribution Rates; Department of Energy Status Update  
Concerning Decoupling Dockets

Dear Chairman Goldner:

Pursuant to a Procedural Order dated September 3, in this matter, the Department of Energy (Department) provides this status update concerning whether certain decoupling related matters will be covered in an anticipated settlement in this docket. In preparing this status report, the Department consulted with the other parties to this case, *i.e.*, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA).

DG 23-041: This docket involves Liberty's Decoupling Years 1 and 2. The parties to DG 23-067 do not anticipate that any settlement in DG 23-067 will settle the outstanding issues concerning Decoupling Years 1 and 2.

DG 22-045 and DG 23-076: These dockets cover Liberty's Decoupling Years 3, 4 and 5. The parties to DG 23-067 understand that there are no outstanding areas of disagreement concerning decoupling recovery in these dockets and thus any settlement in DG 23-067 would not affect Decoupling Years 3, 4 and 5. In DG 22-045 and DG 23-076, the Department and the OCA supported recovery of the decoupling amounts that Liberty proposed for collection through LDAC rates. *See DG 23-076, Transcript of June 5, 2024 at 86-87; DG 23-076, Exhibit 22, Supplemental Technical Statement of Arif & Alam (April 25, 2024) at 1-2; DG 22-045, Transcript of May 14, 2024 at 66-67; DG 22-045 Exhibit 35, Supplemental Technical Statement of Arif & Alam (April 3, 2024) at 1-2.*

Recovery for Decoupling Years 3, 4, and 5 was provisionally included in the Company's LDAC rate effective February 1, 2024, subject to final review. *See DG 23-076, Order 26,940 at 5 (January 31, 2024).*

Consistent with the Commission's current practices this letter is being filed only in electronic form.

Sincerely,

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