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Mr. Mark D. Marini, Secretary
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
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Dear Secretary Marini,

Liberty, D.P.U. 20-58-D/D.P.U. 20-91: Bad Debt Write-Off Report

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or "Company"), enclosed for filing, please find the Company's report on delivery-related bad debt write-offs for the two-year period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 ("Bad Debt Report"), in accordance with Section III.C of the Distribution Companies¹ January 29, 2021 Compliance Report ("Compliance Report"). Also enclosed is a certificate of service.

In accordance with the Compliance Report, Liberty's Bad Debt Report details actual net charge-offs for the two-year period between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2022 that are incremental to the amount of bad-debt cost recovery included in base distribution rates. The derivation of incremental delivery-related net charge-offs for the Company's Fall River and North Attleboro service area and Blackstone service area is provided on page 1. As shown on page 1, the amount of incremental delivery-related net charge-offs for the Company is \$0 since the actual delivery-related net charge-offs of \$140,480 did not exceed the delivery-related bad debt cost recovery in base distribution rates of \$285,535². Page 2 provides the details of the delivery-related net charge-offs provided on page 1 by month for the two-year period July 2020 through June 2022.

Thank you for your attention to this filing. Please feel free to contact me directly should you have any questions.

¹ The "Distribution Companies" include Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company d/b/a Unitil, Massachusetts Electric Company and Nantucket Electric Company, Boston Gas Company (and the former Colonial Gas Company), each d/b/a National Grid, NSTAR Gas Company and NSTAR Electric Company, each d/b/a Eversource Energy, Eversource Gas Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, and The Berkshire Gas Company.

² Delivery-Related Baseline based on D.P.U. 15-75, Exhibit LU-JMS-2, Schedule G-12, line 7, and adjusted per Settlement Explanatory Statement, Attachment A, page 1, line 19.



Sincerely,



Ronald John Ritchie, Esq.

Enclosures:

cc: Rachel Cottle, Esq. – Hearing Officer
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Incremental Delivery-Related Net Charge Offs

<u>Fall River & North Attleboro and Blackstone Service Areas</u>	
(1) Actual Delivery-Related Net Charge Offs	\$ 140,480
(2) Delivery-Related Baseline	<u>\$ 285,535</u>
(3) Incremental Delivery-Related Net Charge Offs	\$ -

Note: Delivery-Related Baseline based on D.P.U. 15-75, Exhibit LU-JMS-2, Schedule G-12, line 7.
Adjusted per Settlement Explanatory Statement, Attachment A, page 1, line 19.

Fall River & N. Attleboro

Service Area												
Description	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
Total Net Write-offs	9,955	7,206	86,866	26,710	(47,166)	77,104	(28,188)	120,871	12,030	24,760	-	-
Less Non-Distribution Related	6,339	1,966	57,276	19,909	(44,559)	50,620	(21,798)	71,319	4,759	13,799	-	-
Total Distribution Net Write-offs	3,616	5,240	29,590	6,802	(2,607)	26,484	(6,390)	49,552	7,272	10,961	-	-

Blackstone

Service Area												
Description	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
Total Net Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,814	-	-
Less Non-Distribution Related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,492	-	-
Total Distribution Net Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,322	-	-

Combined

Description	7/31/2020	8/31/2020	9/30/2020	10/31/2020	11/30/2020	12/31/2020	1/31/2021	2/28/2021	3/31/2021	4/30/2021	5/31/2021	6/30/2021
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Fall River & N. Attleboro

Service Area												
Description	7/31/2021	8/31/2021	9/30/2021	10/31/2021	11/30/2021	12/31/2021	1/31/2022	2/28/2022	3/31/2022	4/30/2022	5/31/2022	6/30/2022
Total Net Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Less Non-Distribution Related	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Distribution Net Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Blackstone

Service Area												
Description	7/31/2021	8/31/2021	9/30/2021	10/31/2021	11/30/2021	12/31/2021	1/31/2022	2/28/2022	3/31/2022	4/30/2022	5/31/2022	6/30/2022
Total Net Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	11,580	-	1,127	625	964	735	600
Less Non-Distribution Related	-	-	-	-	-	7,659	-	971	487	770	591	514
Total Distribution Net Write-offs	-	-	-	-	-	3,921	-	156	138	194	145	86

Combined

Description	7/31/2021	8/31/2021	9/30/2021	10/31/2021	11/30/2021	12/31/2021	1/31/2022	2/28/2022	3/31/2022	4/30/2022	5/31/2022	6/30/2022
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Notes:

- (1) On December 31, 2020, Liberty closed on the acquisition of Blackstone Gas Company ("Blackstone") pursuant to the Department's October 13, 2020 Order in D.P.U. 20-03. Blackstone's process, before being acquired, was to conduct this calculation on an annual basis. Beginning February 2022, Liberty began tracking customer write-offs on a monthly basis.
- (2) Beginning May 2021, Liberty no longer tracked this information when implementing SAP.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

LIBERTY UTILITIES (NEW ENGLAND NATURAL
GAS COMPANY) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

D.P.U. 20-58/D.P.U. 20-91

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 220 C.M.R. 1.05(1) (Department's Rules of Practice and Procedure). Dated at Fall River this 8th day of August 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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