

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 13-085

ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS, INC. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

2013 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 15, 2013, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty Utilities) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1, 2013 through October 31, 2013. Included in the filing were revised tariff pages, and supporting materials for the changed rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-085.html>.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.6732 per therm, a \$0.1629 per therm increase from the weighted residential COG rate of \$0.5103 per therm for last summer. The proposed change to Liberty Utilities' residential COG rate, offset by decrease in the Local Distribution Adjustment Charge and a base distribution rate downward adjustment approved as part of the cast iron/bare steel replacement program by Order No. 25,378 (June 26, 2012) in Docket No. 12-128, are expected to increase a typical residential heating customer's summer bill by approximately \$38, or 11 percent, compared to last summer.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG rate is \$0.6661 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG rate is \$0.6759 per therm. The rate

increase for the commercial/industrial customers over the comparable rates for last summer is commensurate with the residential COG rate increase.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the causes and treatment of a prior period over-recovery and supplier refund credit; purchasing decisions related to the current and past summer supplies and capacity; revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity; and revenues and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate changes. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 12, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Liberty Utilities, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session on March 28, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. to review the petition and allow Liberty Utilities to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty Utilities shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 26, 2013, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 10, 2013; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a

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Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.11 (a) (1): Serve an electronic copy on each person identified on the service list.

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.