THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DG 14-091

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP., d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

Petition to Approve Special Contract and Lease Agreement

ORDER OF NOTICE

On April 4, 2014, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a petition for approval of a special contract and lease agreement with Innovative Natural Gas, LLC, d/b/a iNATGAS (iNATGAS), related to the proposed construction of a compressed natural gas (CNG) filling and fueling station in Concord. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to RSA 378:18 and whether the Liberty's investigation and analysis of the risks and benefits of constructing, owning and operating a CNG station is reasonable, and whether entry into the long term agreement to provide CNG to iNATGAS is prudent and in the public interest; RSA 366:3, 366:5, and 374:30, and whether the proposed lease agreement is for the public good; RSA 378:28 and whether Liberty's investment in the CNG facility is prudent; RSA Chapter 370 *et al.*, and whether Liberty's plans and specifications to build and operate the proposed CNG station meet the appropriate construction and operating safety standards. 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 Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 23, 2014, at, 1:30 p.m., at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference,

Liberty, the Staff of the Commission, and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the

petition and allow Liberty 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 shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 17, 2014, 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 21, 2014; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 21, 2014, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 23, 2014.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this fourteenth day of April, 2014.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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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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