

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

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Less November 2018 – October 2019 LDAC Costs

Docket No. DG 18-137

Technical Statement of David B. Simek and Catherine A. McNamara

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A. Purpose of Technical Statement.

The purpose of this technical statement is to make the Commission aware that in the review of the 2018/2019 filing we noticed that the residential energy efficiency over collection for the last year was very similar to the previous year's residential energy efficiency budget. After researching this further it was discovered that the low income portion of the energy efficiency budget was included in the residential program budget and was also included as an allocation between both residential and commercial & industrial LDAC rates Although we have followed the same process since the winter of 2014/2015, residential customers were only impacted during the winter of 2014/2015 due to the running balance of the over/under collection. Since the winter 2014/2015 the additional low income costs included in the residential EE rate were substantially offset by the prior year over-collection. We write to make the Commission aware that the Company plans to reduce the residential LDAC rate that is to be effective November 1, 2018, by \$0.0163 per therm from the previously filed proposed rate of \$0.0836 per therm. The adjusted residential LDAC rate is \$0.0673per therm.

B. Reason for a Reduction in Local Distribution Adjustment Clause (LDAC) Costs of \$1,310,342.

The Company had originally filed the residential LDAC rate at \$0.0836 per therm and the commercial & industrial LDAC rate at \$0.0772 per therm, both effective November 1, 2018, through October 31, 2019. Since the original filing in this docket, the Company identified that the low income portion of the energy efficiency program budget was over stated by \$1,310,342 (see Attachment 1 for additional details) within the residential calculation. The adjusted residential LDAC rate is \$0.0673 per therm.

C. Customer Impact.

This impacts residential customers only. The projected total bill seasonal increase for a typical residential non-fixed price heating customer for the 2018/2019 winter season is projected to be \$56.81 with the adjusted LDAC rate. The originally filed projected seasonal increase was \$10.36 higher at \$67.17.