

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

DG 18-145

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP.
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES – KEENE DIVISION**

2018/2019 WINTER COST OF GAS

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 18, 2018, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty, or the Company) submitted a Winter 2018/2019 cost of gas (COG) filing outlining its proposed COG and fixed price option (FPO) rates for the winter period (November 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019) for the period of November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 for its Keene Division. Liberty filed testimony, revised tariff pages, and schedules in support of the proposed rates. The COG submission 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://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2018/18-145.html>.

The proposed winter 2018/2019 winter COG rate is \$1.4056 per therm (FPO rate \$1.4256 per therm), a \$0.0363 per therm decrease compared to last winter's weighted average non-FPO residential COG rate of \$1.4419 per therm. The proposed change in the COG rate is expected to decrease a typical non-FPO residential heating customer's winter bill by approximately \$15, or 2.5 percent. The proposed COG rate is a \$0.0522 per therm decrease compared to last winter's weighted average non-commercial COG rate of \$1.4578 per therm. The typical non-FPO is expected to decrease a non-FPOP commercial customer's winter bill by approximately \$51, or 3.6 percent.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 374:2, including the justness and reasonableness of rates, the forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, operational issues, and reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues. 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 October 16, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., and it is

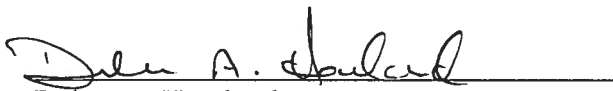
FURTHER ORDERED, that, Liberty, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition on October 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.; and it is

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 October 2, 2018, 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 October 16, 2018; 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 October 8, 2018, 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 it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 11, 2018.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of September, 2018.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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