



Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division

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Staff Data Requests - Set 1

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Respondent: Deborah M. Gilbertson

REQUEST:

Ref. Schedule C (Bates p. 21). Please provide Schedule C without CNG Deliveries and explain how and why each of the other, on new, supply options changed (volume and costs).

RESPONSE:

Please see Confidential Attachment Staff 1-6, which shows that without the CNG the spot volumes of propane increase. The spot volumes of propane increase from 27% to 39% of the total portfolio, and the share of spot purchase costs increase from 29% to 44%. Although the volumes for PPSP will not shift, the percent of total purchases represented by the PPSP becomes 41% without CNG, rather than 39% with the CNG. Amherst deliveries show a negligible shift in cost, and volumes will not change without CNG. In general the overall portfolio fuel costs decrease from \$1.72 million to \$1.66 million with the omission of CNG, which is a 3.5% decrease in the cost of gas. However, the decrease in this example will be more than off-set by increases in propane plant production costs, resulting in an increase in the overall customer bill if the Company does not use the CNG. The estimated production costs if the company does not use CNG are approximately \$482,262

Confidential Attachment Staff 1-6 contains third party pricing information that is “confidential, commercial, or financial information” protected from disclosure by RSA 91-A:5, IV, and which is presumed confidential in cost of gas proceedings pursuant to Puc 201.06(a)(11). Therefore, pursuant to Puc 203.08(d), the Company has a good faith basis to seek confidential treatment of this information and will submit a motion confirming confidential treatment prior to the final hearing in this docket.