

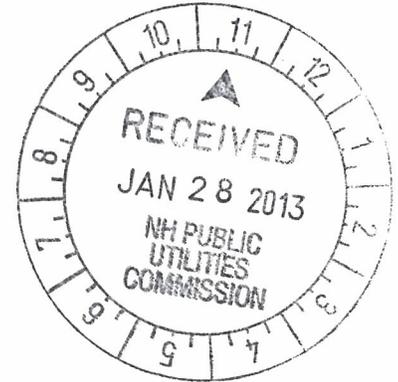


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**Via Electronic Mail and US Mail**

Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director  
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission  
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10  
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**RE: DG 12-265 EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc.  
2012-2013 Winter Period Cost of Gas – February 2013 Trigger Page**

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (the "Company") and in accordance with New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Order No. 25,435, dated October 30, 2012 in Docket DG 12-265, I enclose an original and six copies of tariff pages and accompanying calculations setting forth the Company's adjusted 2012-13 Winter Cost of Gas rates to be effective February 1, 2013. These adjusted rates require no further Commission action because they are within the maximum rates set forth in Order No. 25,435.

The adjusted cost of gas rates are being filed to reflect an update of the winter period deferred gas cost balance and the projected commodity prices for the remainder of the winter period. The attached estimated cost of gas was calculated using the 15-day average NYMEX settled prices as of January 22, 2013. The cost of gas rate adjustment is being driven primarily by the sharp increase in gas prices in Tennessee's Zone 6 market area where EnergyNorth purchases a sizeable amount of its natural gas supplies. The price run up is a direct result of the increased demand due to colder than normal temperatures coupled with increased demand from natural gas fired generators in the market area. Moreover, the lack of any significant increase in new pipeline infrastructure into New England and the lack of LNG imports have combined to create a supply/demand imbalance leading to the price escalation. These adjustments increased the average Residential, C&I Low Winter Use and C&I High Winter Use Cost of Gas rates by \$0.1834, \$0.1822 and \$0.1838 per therm, respectively. Specifically, the Residential Cost of Gas Rate increased from \$0.6565 per therm to \$0.8399 per therm, the Commercial/Industrial Low Winter Use rate increased from \$0.6517 per therm to \$0.8339 per therm and the Commercial/Industrial High Winter Use rate increased from \$0.6582 per therm to \$0.8420 per therm.

The enclosed calculation page prepared by the Company, indicates that absent the adjustment, there would be an estimated under collection of gas costs as of April 30, 2013 of approximately \$6.4



million or 11.83%. It is estimated that the balance of the under collection remaining at April 30, 2013, as a result of capping the increase in the cost of gas rates at 25% will be approximately \$50,000. For that reason, the Company does not intend to do a revised cost of gas filing.

Enclosed are the following revised pages to Tariff NHPUC No. 7 – Gas:

Seventh Revised Page 1	Check Sheet
Seventh Revised Page 3	Check Sheet (continued)
Seventh Revised Page 76	Firm Rate Schedules
Seventh Revised Page 87	Calculation of Firm Sales Cost of Gas Rate

The filing has also been submitted electronically to the Commission in accordance with Order Number 24,223 issued on October 24, 2003.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
  
FOR

Christiane G. Mason

Enclosures

cc: Celia O'Brien  
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