# THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DG 15-117

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

## 2015 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

### ORDER OF NOTICE

On April 1, 2015, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities - Keene Division (Keene Division), filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1 through October 31, 2015. The Keene Division filed testimony, revised tariff pages, and schedules in support of the new rates. The petition 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 <a href="http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-117.html">http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-117.html</a>.

The proposed COG rate is \$0.9122 per therm, a \$0.628 per therm decrease from the weighted average of \$1.5402 per therm for last summer. The proposed change to the residential COG rate, together with an adjustment for an over-collection, is expected to decrease a typical residential heating customer's total summer bill from \$358 last summer to approximately \$283 this summer, a decrease of approximately \$74.69 or 20.9 percent. The projected impact of the COG rate change, standing alone, is a reduction from \$170.86 last summer to approximately \$101.20 this year, a decrease of \$69.66, or 40.8 percent.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to: RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices,

and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the causes and treatment of a prior period over-recovery; and revenues and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate changes. 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 April 21, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Keene Division shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 9, 2015, 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 17, 2015; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to the Keene Division and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 17, 2015, 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 21, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of April,

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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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.