## STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

#### DG 19-074

## LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

# Petition for a License to Construct and Maintain a Natural Gas Pipeline Beneath the Soucook River in Concord and Pembroke

### Summary of Order Nisi No. 26,284 Granting Gas Pipeline Crossing License

### August 8, 2019

On August 8, 2019, the Commission approved a request by Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) under RSA 371:17 for a license to construct and maintain a natural gas distribution main under the Soucook River between Concord and Pembroke, New Hampshire. The proposed pipeline is an extension of an existing natural gas main. The Commission's Order, the petition, and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted at <a href="http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/Docketbk/2019/19-074.html">http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/Docketbk/2019/19-074.html</a>.

The Commission determined that the proposed crossing is necessary to meet the reasonable requirements of service to the public and that the license could be granted without affecting the public rights in the Soucook River at the location of the crossing. The Commission approved Liberty's license request subject to certain conditions related to the safe construction, operation, and maintenance of the proposed crossing.

The Commission delayed the effectiveness of its approval to ensure the public receives notice of the Commission's determination and has an opportunity to request a hearing. Persons interested in responding to the Commission's action may submit their comments, or file a written request for a hearing that states the reason and basis for a hearing, no later than August 26, 2019.

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Any person(s) responding to such comments and requests for hearing shall do so no later than September 3, 2019. Following consideration of any comments and requests for hearing received, the Commission may further extend the final effective date of its Order. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, the Commission's Order shall become final and effective on September 9, 2019.