

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 19-153

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

2019/2020 WINTER COST OF GAS

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 16, 2019, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities-Keene Division (Liberty-Keene) submitted a Winter 2019/2020 cost of gas (COG) filing outlining its proposed COG and fixed price option (FPO) rates for the winter period (November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020). Liberty-Keene filed testimony, revised tariff pages, and schedules in support of the proposed rates. Liberty-Keene's 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/2019/19-153.html>.

The proposed winter 2019/2020 COG rate is \$0.9492 per therm (FPO rate \$0.9692 per therm), a \$0.4935 per therm decrease compared to last winter's weighted average non-FPO residential COG rate of \$1.4427 per therm. The proposed change in this COG rate is expected to decrease the gas component of a typical non-FPO residential heating customer's winter bill by approximately \$220, or 34 percent over the entire winter period using a weighted monthly average. The proposed COG rate is a decrease of \$0.4928 per therm compared to last winter's weighted average non-FPO commercial COG rate of \$1.4420 per therm. The proposed change in the COG rate is expected to decrease the gas component of a typical non-FPO commercial

customer's winter bill by approximately \$850, or 34 percent over the entire winter period using a weighted monthly average.

The local delivery adjustment clause (LDAC) proposed as applicable to Liberty-Keene will be determined and implemented in a different Liberty Utilities COG proceeding: Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, Docket No. DG 19-145. Liberty's proposed LDAC rates for November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020 in Docket No. DG 19-145 are \$0.0635 per therm for residential customers and \$0.0494 per therm for commercial customers, compared to the \$0.0836 per therm and \$0.0772 per therm rates, respectively, currently in effect. The DG 19-145 Liberty filing is posted to the Commission's website at <http://puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2019/19-145.html>.

The Liberty-Keene filing raises, inter alia, issues related to RSA 374:2 and RSA 378, including: the justness and reasonableness of rates; the forecasting of sales, supplier prices, and transportation prices; operational issues; purchasing decisions related to current and past supplies; and the 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 22, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, Liberty-Keene, the Staff of the Commission, and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition on September 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty-Keene shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of

this Order of Notice no later than September 26, 2019, 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 17, 2019; 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 7, 2019, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 14, 2019.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentieth day of September, 2019.



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Executive Director

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