# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 1 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Provide information regarding changes in payment behavior or patterns and account receivables levels since the declaration of the State of Emergency on March 13 and the Governor's Emergency Order #3 issued on March 17. Such information should be provided for each utility rate class.

### **RESPONSE:**

Please find comparable residential, commercial and industrial month-end accounts receivable aging information for EnergyNorth and Granite State for January 2021 and 2020 in Attachment 1. Data has been provided in both dollar and percentage terms. Information regarding changes in payment behaviors is addressed in the response to question number 2.

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# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities

	Aging Dollars Su	ummary January	<u>/ 2021</u>
	ENNG	Residential	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
Customer Count	75,494	74,025	1,469
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A/R Balance	12,433,279	13,356,152	(922,872)
Current	8,465,851	10,083,162	(1,617,310)
1 - 30 Days	1,399,239	1,661,841	(262,602)
31 - 60 Days	609,637	546,295	63,342
61 - 90 Days	310,564	185,615	124,949
91 - 120	176,913	201,167	(24,254)
121 - 150	176,723	131,247	45,476
151+	2,928,472	1,637,833	1,290,639
Unapplied	(1,634,119)	(1,091,008)	(543,111)
	ENNG	Commerical	
			Change over Drier Vear
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Customer Count	11,127	10,981	146
			-
A/R Balance	8,464,459	8,964,390	(499,931)
Current	7,535,591	8,227,523	(691,931)
1 - 30 Days	709,057	714,830	(5,773)
31 - 60 Days	311,928	128,876	183,052
61 - 90 Days	57,240	9,355	47,885
91 - 120	24,651	25,582	(932)
121 - 150	39,430	3,847	35,583
151+	121,807	166,100	(44,293)
Unapplied	(335,244)	(311,722)	(23,521)
	ENIN	G Total AR	
	LININ	J TOLATAK	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
Customer Count	86,621	85,006	1,615
A/R Balance	20,897,739	22,320,542	(1,422,803
Current	16,001,443	18,310,684	(2,309,242
1 - 30 Days	2,108,296	2,376,671	(268,375
31 - 60 Days	921,565	675,171	246,394
61 - 90 Days	367,804	194,970	172,834
91 - 120	201,564	226,749	(25,185
121 - 150	216,153	135,093	81,059
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151+	3,050,279	1,803,933	1,246,346

#### Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Aging Percent Summary January 2021

	Aging Percent S	ummary Janu	ary 2021
	ENNO	6 Residential	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Current %	68.1%	75.5%	-7.4%
1 - 30 Days %	11.3%	12.4%	-1.2%
31 - 60 Days %	4.9%	4.1%	0.8%
61 - 90 Days %	2.5%	1.4%	1.1%
91 - 120 %	1.4%	1.5%	-0.1%
121 - 150 %	1.4%	1.0%	0.4%
151+ %	23.6%	12.3%	11.3%
Unapplied %	-13.1%	-8.2%	-5.0%
	ENNG	Commercial	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Current	89.0%	91.8%	-2.8%
1 - 30 Days	8.4%	8.0%	0.4%
, 31 - 60 Days	3.7%	1.4%	2.2%
, 61 - 90 Days	0.7%	0.1%	0.6%
, 91 - 120	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
121 - 150	0.5%	0.0%	0.4%
151+	1.4%	1.9%	-0.4%
Unapplied	-4.0%	-3.5%	-0.5%
	ENN	G Total AR	
	EININ	G Total AR	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Current	76.6%	82.0%	-5.5%
1 - 30 Days	10.1%	10.6%	-0.6%
31 - 60 Days	4.4%	3.0%	1.4%
61 - 90 Days	1.8%	0.9%	0.9%
91 - 120	1.0%	1.0%	-0.1%
121 - 150	1.0%	0.6%	0.4%
151+	14.6%	8.1%	6.5%
Unapplied	-9.4%	-6.3%	-3.1%

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# Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Aging Dollars Summary January 2021						
GSE Residential						
			Change over Prior Year			
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)			
Customer Count	35,504	33,942	1,562			
A/R Balance	6,566,118	5,792,096	774,022			
Current	4,419,163	4,157,425	261,738			
1 - 30 Days	647,305	655,369	(8,064)			
31 - 60 Days	243,595	210,650	32,945			
61 - 90 Days	180,083	116,547	63,536			
91 - 120	154,569	99,086	55,482			
121 - 150	177,554	81,672	95,882			
151+	1,081,363	724,685	356,678			
Unapplied	(337,514)	(253,339)	(84,174)			
	GSE C	ommercial				
			Change over Prior Year			
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)			
Customer Count	7,022	6,812	210			
Balance	4,547,406	4,687,929	(140,524)			
Current	3,809,950	4,053,178	(243,228)			
1 - 30 Days	577,625	621,582	(43,957)			
31 - 60 Days	166,634	58,891	107,743			
61 - 90 Days	55,065	23,639	31,426			
91 - 120	29,027	25,236	3,791			
121 - 150	20,719	10,450	10,269			
151+	73,670	27,114	46,555			
Unapplied	(185,283)	(132,161)	(53,123)			
	GSE	Industrial				
			Change over Prior Year			
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)			
Customer Count	171	173	(2)			
A/R Balance	850,401	1,017,464	(167,063)			
Current	775,663	956,895	(181,232)			
1 - 30 Days	46,314	61,132	(101,232) (14,818)			
31 - 60 Days	23,926	789	23,137			
61 - 90 Days	9,752	410	9,342			
91 - 120	131	410	45			
121 - 150	92	-	4J 92			
151+	-	-	-			
Unapplied	(5,479)	(1,848)	(3,631)			
	GSE	Total AR				
	1/21/2024	1/21/2020	Change over Prior Year			
Customer Count	1/31/2021 42,697	1/31/2020 40,927	Increase / (Decrease) 1,770			
A/R Balance	11,963,924	11,497,489	466,435			
Current	9,004,776	9,167,499	(162,722)			
1 - 30 Days	1,271,245	1,338,083	(66,839)			
31 - 60 Days	434,155	270,330	163,825			
			104,304			
61 - 90 Days	244,899	140,595				
91 - 120	183,727	124,409	59,319			
91 - 120 121 - 150	183,727 198,365	124,409 92,122	59,319 106,243			
91 - 120	183,727	124,409	59,319			

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#### Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Aging Percent Summary January 2021

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	G	SE Residential	
			Change over Drive Vers
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	1/31/2021	100.0%	0.0%
Current	67.3%	71.8%	-4.5%
1 - 30 Days	9.9%	11.3%	-4.5%
31 - 60 Days	3.7%	3.6%	0.1%
61 - 90 Days	2.7%	2.0%	0.1%
91 - 90 Days	2.7%	2.0%	
			0.6%
121 - 150	2.7%	1.4%	1.3%
151+	16.5%	12.5%	4.0%
Unapplied	-5.1%	-4.4%	-0.8%
	GS	E Commercial	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Current	83.8%	86.5%	-2.7%
1 - 30 Days	12.7%	13.3%	-0.6%
31 - 60 Days	3.7%	1.3%	2.4%
61 - 90 Days	1.2%	0.5%	0.7%
91 - 120	0.6%	0.5%	0.1%
121 - 150	0.5%	0.2%	0.2%
151+	1.6%	0.2%	1.0%
Unapplied	-4.1%	-2.8%	-1.3%
Ullapplieu	-4.1%	-2.0%	-1.5%
	G	iSE Industrial	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Current	91.2%	94.0%	-2.8%
1 - 30 Days	5.4%	6.0%	-0.6%
31 - 60 Days	2.8%	0.0%	2.7%
,	2.8%	0.1%	1.1%
61 - 90 Days			
91 - 120	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
121 - 150	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
151+	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Unapplied	-0.6%	-0.2%	-0.5%
	G	SE Total AR	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
A/R Balance	100.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Current	75.3%	79.7%	-4.5%
1 - 30 Days	10.6%	11.6%	-1.0%
31 - 60 Days	3.6%	2.4%	1.3%
61 - 90 Days	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%
91 - 90 Days	2.0%	1.2%	0.8%
	1.5%		
121 - 150 151+	1.7% 9.7%	0.8%	0.9%
		6.5%	3.1%
Unapplied	-4.4%	-3.4%	-1.0%

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 2 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Provide the following data for each utility rate class:

- a. The number, and percentage, of customers who made partial or no payment in March, April, and May of 2019 and 2020.
- b. The number, and percentage, of customers who made partial or no payment in March, April, and May of 2019 and 2020 and did not have an outstanding balance during the prior six months.

### **RESPONSE:**

System constraints have prevented us from retrieving the granular level of data requested – however, included are charts outlining received payments by rate class for each company.

The month of January shows a very slight improvement with the dollar amount received for Granite State Electric customers, although the total number of payments received is still lower than the same period last year. For Energy North Gas customers, payment amount and numbers are still lower than last year.

	ENNG	6 Residential			ENNO	6 Residential	
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	73,654	75,870	(2,216)	Payment #	74,689	76,134	(1,445)
Payment \$	11,691,688	13,995,502	(2,303,814)	Payment \$	9,571,602	12,273,165	(2,701,563)
	ENNG	Commerical			ENNG	i Commerical	
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	12,037	12,245	(208)	Payment #	11,159	13,147	(1,988)
Payment \$	10,047,413	12,056,985	(2,009,572)	Payment \$	6,831,911	10,764,618	(3,932,707)
	EN	NG Total			EN	ING Total	
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	85,691	88,115	(2,424)	Payment #	85,848	89,281	(3,433)
Payment \$	21,739,101	26,052,487	(4,313,386)	Payment \$	16,403,513	23,037,783	(6,634,270)

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary March through April

	<u>March</u>	_		<u>April</u>
	ENNG Residential			ENNG Residential
	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-3%		Payment #	-2%
Payment \$	-16%		Payment \$	-22%
	ENNG Commerical			ENNG Commerical
	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-2%		Payment #	-15%
Payment \$	-17%		Payment \$	-37%

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ENNG Residential							
	7/31/2020	7/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	68,780	72,444	(3,664				
Payment \$	3,658,090	4,913,587	(1,255,497				
ENNG Commerical							
	7/31/2020	7/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	10,948	12,671	(1,723				
Payment \$	2,411,566	3,200,861	(789,295				
ENNG Total							
	7/31/2020	7/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	79,728	85,115	(5,387				
Payment \$	6,069,656	8,114,448	(2,044,792				

#### Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Count and Dollar Summary May 2020 through July 2020

Payment Co	unt and Dollar Su	mmary May 2	020 through July 2020			
ENNG Residential						
	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment #	77,115	62,458	14,657			
Payment \$	5,563,926	5,665,249	(101,323			
ENNG Commerical						
	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment #	13,059	10,125	2,934			
Payment \$	4,159,038	3,918,362	240,676			
ENNG Total						
			Change over Prior Year			
	6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment #	90,174	72,583	17,591			
Payment \$	9,722,964	9,583,611	139,353			

ENNG Residential							
	5/31/2020	5/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	67,654	75,405	(7,751)				
Payment \$	6,880,472	9,096,136	(2,215,664)				
ENNG Commerical							
	5/31/2020	5/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	11,445	12,230	(785)				
Payment \$	5,388,848	7,492,440	(2,103,592)				
	EN	NG Total					
	5/31/2020	5/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	79,099	87,635	(8,536)				
Payment \$	12,269,320	16,588,576	(4,319,256				

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary May through July

	<u>May</u>			<u>June</u>	_		July	
ENNG Residential		ENI	ENNG Residential			ENNG Residential		
	Change over Prior							
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior	
	Increase /			Year			Year	
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)	
Payment #	-10%		Payment #	23%		Payment #	-5%	
Payment \$	-24%		Payment \$	-2%		Payment \$	-26%	
ENN	G Commerical		ENNG Commerical			ENNG Commerical		
	Change over Prior							
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior	
	Increase /			Year			Year	
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)	
Payment #	-6%		Payment #	29%		Payment #	-14%	
Payment \$	-28%		Payment \$	6%		Payment \$	-25%	

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	ENNO	G Residential					
	10/31/2020	10/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment # Payment \$	66,056 3,306,702	73,534 4,265,907	(7,478 (959,205				
ENNG Commerical							
	10/31/2020	10/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	11,790	13,090	(1,300				
Payment \$	2,385,217	2,677,494	(292,277				
	EN	ING Total					
	EN	ING Total	Change over Prior Year				
	EN 10/31/2020	ING Total 10/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	_		-				

#### Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Count and Dollar Summary August 2020 through October 20

Payment Co	ount and Dollar Su	mmary August 2	020 through October 202					
	ENN	G Residential						
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)					
Payment #	65,260	61,612	3,648					
Payment \$	3,011,543	3,665,797	(654,254					
ENNG Commerical								
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)					
Payment #	11,417	10,589	828					
Payment \$	2,132,863	2,476,098	(343,235					
	E	NNG Total						
			Change over Prior Year					
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)					
Payment #	76,677	72,201	4,476					

	ENNO	G Residential	
	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$	65,309 3,155,159	64,925 4,008,429	384 (853,269)
	ENNG	i Commerical	
	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	11,800	10,928	872
Payment \$	2,223,395	2,376,962	(153,567)
	EN	ING Total	
	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	77,109	75,853	1,256
Payment \$	5,378,554	6,385,391	(1,006,836)

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary August 2020 through October 2020

August				<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>				
ENNG Residential			ENNG Residential			ENNG Residential			
	Change over Prior								
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior		
	Increase /			Year			Year		
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #	1%		Payment #	6%		Payment #	-10%		
Payment \$	-21%		Payment \$	-18%		Payment \$	-22%		
ENNO	G Commerical		ENNG Commerical			ENN	IG Commerical		
	Change over Prior								
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior		
	Increase /			Year			Year		
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #	8%		Payment #	8%		Payment #	-10%		
Payment \$	-6%		Payment \$	-14%		Payment \$	-11%		

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities

Payment Count and Dollar Summar	<u>November 2020 through December 2020</u>

	ENNO	G Residential			ENNG Residential					
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment # Payment \$	60,720 4,010,011	62,322 4,120,703	(1,602) (110,692)	Payment # Payment \$	67,097 6,746,037	69,226 6,794,346	(2,129) (48,309)			
	ENNG	6 Commerical			ENN	G Commerical				
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment # Payment \$	10,828 2,859,878	10,345 3,056,473	483 (196,595)	Payment # Payment \$	10,652 5,039,121	12,075 5,501,828	(1,423) (462,707)			
	Eľ	NNG Total			E	NNG Total				
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment # Payment \$	71,548 6,869,889	72,667 7,177,176	(1,119) (307,287)	Payment # Payment \$	77,749 11,785,158	81,301 12,296,174	(3,552) (511,016)			

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary November 2020 through December 2020

N	<u>ovember</u>	 	<u>December</u>
ENNG	6 Residential	EN	NG Residential
	Change over Prior		
	Year		Change over Prior
	Increase /		Year
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-3%	Payment #	-3%
Payment \$	-3%	Payment \$	-1%
ENNG	Commerical	EN	NG Commerical
	Change over Prior		
	Year		Change over Prior
	Increase /		Year
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	5%	Payment #	-12%
Payment \$	-6%	Payment \$	-8%

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	ENN	G Residential	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Ye Increase / (Decrease
Payment # Payment \$			
	ENNO	6 Commerical	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Ye Increase / (Decrease
Payment # Payment \$			-
	E	NNG Total	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Ye Increase / (Decrease
Payment # Payment \$	-	-	

#### Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Count and Dollar Summary January 2021 through March 202

Payment Cou	int and Dollar Su	immary January	y 2021 through March 202
	ENN	IG Residential	
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$			-
	ENN	G Commerical	
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$			-
	E	NNG Total	
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-	-	-
Payment \$	-	-	

	ENNO	G Residential	
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$	66,591 9,389,741	70,931 10,218,799	(4,340) (829,058)
	ENNG	Commerical	
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$	11,399 7,893,059	11,714 9,145,401	(315) (1,252,342)
		ING Total	(-,,,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-,-
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	77,990	82,645	(4,655

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary January 2021 through March 2021

January			<u>February</u>	_	March				
ENN	G Residential		ENNG Residential		ENNG Residential				
	Change over Prior								
	Year		Change over Prior		Change over Prior				
	Increase /		Year		Year				
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	-6%		Payment #		Payment #				
Payment \$	-8%		Payment \$		Payment \$				
ENN	G Commerical		ENNG Commerical		ENNG Commerical				
	Change over Prior								
	Year		Change over Prior		Change over Prior				
	Increase /		Year		Year				
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)				
Payment #	-3%		Payment #		Payment #				
Payment \$	-14%		Payment \$		Payment \$				

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Payment Count and	<u>l Dollar Summa</u>	ry March 2020	<u>0 through April 2020</u>

	GSE	Residential				GSE	Residential	
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)			4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	35,622	34,539	1,083	Р	ayment #	33,734	35,336	(1,602)
Payment \$	4,684,369	5,010,953	(326,584)	P	ayment \$	4,341,296	4,879,918	(538,622)
	GSE	Commerical				GSE	Commerical	
			Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	7,248	6,841	407	Р	Payment #	6,608	7,270	(662)
Payment \$	4,532,489	5,127,401	(594,912)	Ρ	ayment \$	3,852,903	5,137,631	(1,284,728)
	GSE	E Industrial				GSE	Industrial	
			Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	198	187	11	Р	ayment #	193	200	(7)
Payment \$	845,004	964,006	(119,002)	Р	Payment \$	1,014,243	988,018	26,225
	G	SE Total				G	SE Total	
			Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
	3/31/2020	3/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			4/30/2020	4/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	43,068	41,567	1,501	Р	ayment #	40,535	42,806	(2,271)
Payment \$	10,061,862	11,102,360	(1,040,498)	Р	ayment \$	9,208,442	11,005,567	(1,797,125)

# Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary March through April

<u>March</u>		<u>April</u>
ENNG Residential		ENNG Residential
Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)		Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
3%	Payment #	-5%
-7%	Payment \$	-11%
ENNG Commerical		ENNG Commerical
Change over Prior Year		Change over Prior Year
Increase / (Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)
6%	Payment #	-9%
-12%	Payment \$	-25%
ENNG Industrial		ENNG Industrial
Change over Prior Year		Change over Prior Year
Increase / (Decrease)		Increase / (Decrease)
6%	Payment #	-4%
-12%	Payment \$	3%
	ENNG Residential Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease) 3% -7% ENNG Commerical Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease) 6% -12% ENNG Industrial Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease) 6%	ENNG Residential         Change over Prior Year         Increase / (Decrease)         3%         -7%         Payment #         Payment \$         ENNG Commerical         Change over Prior Year         Increase / (Decrease)         6%         -12%         ENNG Industrial         Change over Prior Year         Increase / (Decrease)         6%         Payment \$

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Change over Prior Year

Change over Prior Year

Change over Prior Year

Change over Prior Year

Increase / (Decrease)

(3,538)

(385)

(9) (119,972)

(3,932) (379,331)

(405,418)

146,059

GSE Residential

32,885

6,786

177

826,400

39,848

3,772,285 4,177,703

**GSE** Industrial

GSE Total

7/31/2020 7/31/2019

8,954,123 9,333,454

4,355,438

Payment #

Payment \$

Payment #

Payment \$

Payment #

Payment \$

Payment #

Payment \$

7/31/2020 7/31/2019 Increase / (Decrease)

7/31/2020 7/31/2019 Increase / (Decrease)

7/31/2020 7/31/2019 Increase / (Decrease)

186

946,372

43,780

7,171

36,423

4,209,379 **GSE** Commerical

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Payment Count and Dollars Summary May 2020 through July 2020

			Paymen	t Count and Dollars	Summary Ma	y 2020 through July 2020
Residential				GSE	Residential	
	Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
F /21 /2010	Increase / (Decrease)			6/20/2020	6/20/2010	Increase / (Decrease)
5/31/2019	1 ( )	P.u.		6/30/2020	6/30/2019	1 1 1
33,785	(1,205)		yment #	35,782	32,082	3,700
4,197,831	(130,956)	Pay	yment \$	4,085,184	3,714,374	370,810
Commerical				GSE (	Commerical	
	Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
5/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
6,606	(219)	Pay	yment #	7,154	6,927	227
4,187,312	(639,415)	Pay	yment \$	3,399,578	3,876,021	(476,443)
		_				
Industrial				GSE	Industrial	
	Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
5/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
189	(4)	Pay	yment #	201	171	30
1,173,885	(109,162)	Pay	yment \$	861,784	978,960	(117,176)
SE Total				G	SE Total	
	Change over Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
5/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)			6/30/2020	6/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
40,580	(1,428)	Pay	yment #	43,137	39,180	3,957
9,559,028	(879,533)	Pay	, yment \$	8,346,546	8,569,355	(222,809)

	GSE	Residential	
			Change over Prior Year
	5/31/2020	5/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	32,580	33,785	(1,205)
Payment \$	4,066,875	4,197,831	(130,956)
	GSE	Commerical	
			Change over Prior Year
	5/31/2020	5/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	6,387	6,606	(219)
Payment \$	3,547,897	4,187,312	(639,415)
	GS	E Industrial	
			Change over Prior Year
	5/31/2020	5/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	185	189	(4)
Payment \$	1,064,723	1,173,885	(109,162)
	G	iSE Total	
	E /21 /2020	E /21 /2010	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	5/31/2020 39,152	5/31/2019 40,580	(1,428)
Payment \$	8,679,495	9,559,028	(879,533)
rayment 🤉	0,079,495	9,0020	(0/9,333)

# Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary May through July

May				
ENNO	G Residential			
	Change over Prior			
	Year			
	Increase /			
	(Decrease)			
Payment #	-4%			
Payment \$	-3%			
ENNG	6 Commerical			
Change over Prior				
	Year			
	Increase /			
	(Decrease)			
Payment #	-3%			
Payment \$	-15%			
ENN	G Industrial			
	Change over Prior			
	Year			
	Increase /			
	(Decrease)			
Payment #	-2%			
Payment \$	-9%			

June				
EN	NNG Residential			
	Change over Prior			
	Year			
	Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment #	12%			
Payment \$	10%			
ENNG Commerical				
	Change over Prior			
	Year			
	Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment #	3%			
Payment \$	-12%			
E	NNG Industrial			
	Change over Prior			
	Year			
	Increase / (Decrease)			
Payment #	18%			
Payment \$	-12%			

	July
	ENNG Residential
	Change over Prior
	Year
	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-10%
Payment \$	-5%
	ENNG Commerical
	Change over Prior
	Year
	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-5%
Payment \$	-10%
	ENNG Industrial
	Change over Prior
	Year
	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-5%
Payment \$	-13%

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Change over Prior Year

Increase / (Decrease)

Change over Prior Year

Increase / (Decrease)

Change over Prior Year

Increase / (Decrease)

Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)

(2,492)

93,967

(503)

(34)

(296,809)

(3,029) (785,870)

(583,028)

Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Payment Count and Dollars Summary August 2020 through October 202

Payment #

Payment \$

Payment #

Payment \$

Payment #

Payment \$

Payment #

Payment \$

t Count a	and Dollars Sum	mary August 20	20 through October 2020			
	GSE	Residential			GSE	Residenti
			Change over Prior Year			
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)		10/31/2020	10/31/2
	33,296	33,757	(461)	Payment #	33,934	36
	5,352,906	5,120,097	232,809	Payment \$	4,562,191	4,468
	GSE	Commerical			GSE	Commerio
			Change over Prior Year			
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)		10/31/2020	10/31/2
	6,875	6,434	441	Payment #	6,971	7
	4,285,921	4,242,190	43,731	Payment \$	4,028,827	4,611
	GSE	E Industrial			GS	E Industria
			Change over Prior Year			
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)		10/31/2020	10/31/2
	179	192	(13)	Payment #	187	
	1,074,272	1,105,797	(31,525)	Payment \$	868,044	1,164
	6	SE Total			G	SE Total
			Change over Prior Year			
	9/30/2020	9/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)		10/31/2020	10/31/2
	40,350	40,383	(33)	Payment #	41,092	44
	10,713,099	10,468,084	245,015	Payment \$	9,459,062	10,244

	GSE	Residential	
			Change over Prior Year
	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	35,092	33,179	1,913
Payment \$	5,542,289	4,801,304	740,985
	GSE	Commerical	
			Change over Prior Year
	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	7,114	6,695	419
Payment \$	4,577,796	4,427,670	150,126
	GSE	Industrial	
			Change over Prior Year
	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	206	188	18
Payment \$	1,124,138	1,004,539	119,599
	G	SE Total	
			Change over Prior Year
			Change over Prior rear
	0/21/2020	9/21/2010	0
De ser et l'	8/31/2020	8/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$	<b>8/31/2020</b> 42,412 11,244,223	<b>8/31/2019</b> 40,062 10,233,513	0

# Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary August 2020 through October 2020

August				<u>September</u>	_		<u>October</u>
ENNG Residential			ENNG Residential			ENNG Residential	
	Change over Prior						
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior
	Increase /			Year			Year
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	6%		Payment #	-1%		Payment #	-7%
Payment \$	15%		Payment \$	5%		Payment \$	-7%
ENNG	ENNG Commerical		ENN	IG Commerical		ENNG Commerical	
	Change over Prior						
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior
	Increase /			Year			Year
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	6%		Payment #	7%		Payment #	-7%
Payment \$	3%		Payment \$	1%		Payment \$	-13%
ENN	G Industrial		EN	NG Industrial		E	NNG Industrial
	Change over Prior						
	Year			Change over Prior			Change over Prior
	Increase /			Year			Year
	(Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)			Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	10%		Payment #	-7%		Payment #	-15%
Payment \$	12%		Payment \$	-3%		Payment \$	-25%

nd Dollars Su	mmary	November 20	20 through Decemb	er 2020	
			GSE	Residential	
r Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
(Decrease)			12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
(8)		Payment #	33,772	34,629	(857)
353,064		Payment \$	4,234,558	3,970,206	264,352
			GSE	Commerical	
r Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
(Decrease)			12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
173		Payment #	6,589	7,077	(488)
704,480		Payment \$	3,978,593	4,131,131	(152,539)
			GS	E Industrial	
r Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
(Decrease)			12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
12		Payment #	173	187	(14)
8,246		Payment \$	952,572	1,089,226	(136,654)
			G	SSE Total	
r Prior Year					Change over Prior Year
(Decrease)			12/31/2020	12/31/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
177		Payment #	40,534	41,893	(1,359)
1,065,791		Payment \$	9,165,723	9,190,564	(24,841)

#### Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Count and ----

	GSE	Residential	
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	32,231	32,239	(8)
Payment \$	3,888,238	3,535,174	353,064
	GSE	Commerical	
			Change over Prior Year
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	6,513	6,340	173
Payment \$	3,826,513	3,122,033	704,480
	GSI	E Industrial	
			Change over Prior Year
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	178	166	12
Payment \$	875,606	867,360	8,246
	G	SE Total	
			Change over Prior Year
	11/30/2020	11/30/2019	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	38,922	38,745	177
Payment \$	8,590,357	7,524,566	1,065,791
rayillelit ş	0,550,557	1,524,500	1,005,791

# Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary November 2020 through December 2020

<u>No</u>	<u>ovember</u>		<u>December</u>
ENNG	Residential		ENNG Residential
	Change over Prior		
Year			Change over Pric
	Increase /		Year
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrea
Payment #	0%	Payment #	-2%
Payment \$	10%	Payment \$	7%
ENNG	Commerical		ENNG Commerical
	Change over Prior		
	Year		Change over Pric
	Increase /		Year
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrea
Payment #	3%	Payment #	-7%
Payment \$	23%	Payment \$	-4%
ENN	G Industrial		ENNG Industrial
	Change over Prior		
	Year		Change over Pric
	Increase /		Year
	(Decrease)		Increase / (Decrea
Payment #	7%	Payment #	-7%
Payment \$	1%	Payment \$	-13%

	<u>December</u>
EN	NG Residential
	Change over Prior
	Year
	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-2%
Payment \$	7%
ENN	IG Commerical
	Change over Prior
	Year
	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	-7%
Payment \$	-4%
EN	NG Industrial
	Change over Prior
	Year
	Increase / (Decrease)
Daymont #	-7%
Payment #	170

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	GSE	Residential	
			Change over Prior Yea
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Increase / (Decrease
Payment #			-
Payment \$			-
	GSE	Commerical	
			Change over Prior Yea
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Increase / (Decrease
Payment #			-
Payment \$			-
	GS	E Industrial	
			Change over Prior Yea
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Increase / (Decrease
Payment #	_//	_,,	
Payment \$			-
	G	SSE Total	
			Change over Prior Yea
	2/28/2021	2/29/2020	Increase / (Decrease
Payment #	-	-	-
Payment \$	_	_	-

	GSE	Residential	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	33,305	33,864	(559)
Payment \$	4,846,905	4,687,474	159,431
	GSE	Commerical	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	6,351	6,763	(412)
Payment \$	4,076,792	4,270,243	(193,451)
	GSE	Industrial	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	191	187	4
Payment \$	1,013,889	781,578	232,311
	G	SE Total	
			Change over Prior Year
	1/31/2021	1/31/2020	Increase / (Decrease)
Payment #	39,847	40,814	(967)
Payment \$	9,937,585	9,739,295	198,290

	GSE	Residential	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$			-
	GSE	Commerical	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$			-
	GS	E Industrial	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$			-
	C	SSE Total	
	3/31/2021	3/31/2020	Change over Prior Year Increase / (Decrease)
Payment # Payment \$	-	-	-

# Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) d/b/a Liberty Utilities Payment Percent Change Summary January 2021 through March 2021

January				
ENNG Residential				
Change over Prior				
Year				
	Increase /			
	(Decrease)			
Payment #	-2%			
Payment \$	3%			
ENNG Commerical				
Change over Prior				
	Year			
	Increase /			
	(Decrease)			
Payment #	-6%			
Payment \$	-5%			
ENN	G Industrial			
	Change over Prior			
	Year			
	Increase /			
	(Decrease)			
Payment #	2%			
Payment \$	30%			

<u>February</u>			
	ENNG Residential		
	Change over Prior		
	Year		
	Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #			
Payment \$			
	ENNG Commerical		
	Change over Prior		
	Year		
	Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #			
Payment \$			
	ENNG Industrial		
	Change over Prior		
	Year		
	Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #			
Payment \$			

<u>March</u>			
	ENNG Residential		
	Change over Prior		
	Year		
Dev ver evet #	Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #			
Payment \$			
	ENNG Commerical		
	Change over Prior		
	Year		
	Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #			
-			
Payment \$	ENNG Industrial		
	ENING Industrial		
	Change over Prior		
	Year		
	Increase / (Decrease)		
Payment #			
Payment \$			

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 3 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe any programs or initiatives undertaken to assist customers specifically as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency, Emergency Order #3, and the related stay-at-home restrictions.

### **RESPONSE:**

There have been no changes since last month's reporting. Liberty continues to take part in the following steps and initiatives to assist our customers affected by the pandemic. Liberty is also following the agreement resulting from hearings and technical sessions surrounding this docket.

- Restrictions surrounding field visits, PPE
- Outbound calls
  - Continue to identify potential customers affected by COVID
  - Geared specifically to setting up payment arrangements and ensuring customers were aware of potential assistance
- Adjusted payment plans
  - Commercial arrangements (12 months)
  - Extensions to typically offered payment arrangements for Residential and Low Income customers (12 and 24 months respectively)
  - Potential for \$0 down payments
- Multiple avenues of Customer Outreach
  - Social Media posts
  - Website updates
  - Signage and up front messages advising customers of Walk In Center closures.

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 4 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Provide a detailed description of customer outreach undertaken to date.

### **RESPONSE:**

During the pandemic, Liberty Utilities has continued to perform outreach to past due customers to ensure they remain aware of their account's balance and status. This includes outbound IVR calls, past due notices, and manual outbound outreach performed by our Collection Specialists. There is currently no threat of disconnection for our low income residential customers. Commercial collection activity has resumed as of 9/15/2020, and regular residential collection activity resumed as of 10/13/2020. The goal of all outreach is to set customers up on payment plans and ensure they are aware of any potential assistance programs who could help them with their bill.

Special attention has been made when speaking with our customers surrounding additional assistance available specifically due to the pandemic, as they become available and the company becomes aware of them.

Liberty Utilities' customer outreach through the month of January includes:

- Additional outbound calls from Customer Service Representatives with goal of setting up payment plans and ensure they are aware of potential assistance available.
- Social Media posts on Facebook advising customers that they can call our contact center at any time to discuss payment plan options, assistance, etc. Posts include information for customers on any updates or savings tips.
- Limited reopening of Concord Walk-in Center for customer payment drop off, account discussions. Remainder of NH Walk-In Centers remain closed with signage and up front IVR messages indicating closure.
- Updates to COVID-19 Update page on website, alert on homepage directing customers to this page.
- Liberty Utilities worked with the other NH utilities, NHLA, PUC and other assistance agencies and presented a planned Customer Webinar in November, allowing customers to

attend a presentation of payment assistance options in real time, ask questions and engage with the NH utilities.

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Customer Emails       2       2       1       1       5       5       5       5       5       5       1	COVID -19 Customer Communications	March A	pril I	May J	lune	July	Aug S	Sep (	Oct N	lov D	Dec Ja	in-21
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# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 5 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe the Utility's review and evaluation of best practices and successful initiatives undertaken in other states.

### **RESPONSE:**

Liberty Utilities has continued to work closely, both within and outside of the organization, to assess the evolving situation and ensure that we are providing as consistent as possible management of accounts across the country and across the state. Recurring check in meetings with the other 3 large NH utilities have occurred since March. Liberty has been attending meetings with larger groups specifically surrounding this docket, as well as recurring meetings with Liberty counterparts across the country. Liberty Utilities has also been participating in weekly NGA calls with other utility companies, and has been involved with multiple meetings specifically regarding this docket and the discussions surrounding resumption of collections processing here in New Hampshire. Communication has remained paramount during the resumption of disconnections to ensure that we remain aligned with the other NH utilities in our approach and ensure that all guidelines outlines in the agreement for resumption of collections are honored.

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Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 6 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe whether the Utility has updated its sales forecasts in light of the pandemic and its effects on the economy.

#### **RESPONSE:**

There are no changes from the previous month's report. The company continues monitoring actual sales each month as mitigation and reopening efforts related to COVID-19 continue to evolve.

## Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 7 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe any operational changes the Utility is making or planning to make in response to the effects of the pandemic, including changes in budgets or personnel.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Gas Operations: No Changes from December's Report

Electric Operations: No Changes from December's Report

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 8 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe any changes to capital projects and related planning budgets the Utility has made or is planning to make in response to the effects of the pandemic.

#### **RESPONSE:**

Gas Operations: No changes from December's Report

Electric Operations: No changes from December's Report

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 9 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe any supply chain disruptions the Utility is experiencing or expects may occur and the effects of such supply chain disruptions.

### **RESPONSE:**

Liberty's Supply Chain is experiencing limited disruptions in material orders and no reported service shortages. A select few manufacturing suppliers of electric and gas materials are reporting uncommon production delays they claim are COVID related. In those cases where deliveries are impacted, we have found and received approval for alternate manufacturer's part numbers or using backup stock. Liberty's utility operations in both the gas and electric businesses have adequate materials availability and are sustaining any maintenance and construction with routine replenishment.

In-stock COVID related supplies are substantial and adequate in the current state. Our joint crisis team continues to discuss and assess the future supply needs as they align with a phased approach to reintegration of our work locations.

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 10 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe whether the Utility and/or its parent company has adequate access to capital or has been negatively affected in accessing the capital markets or has been downgraded by any credit rating services.

#### **RESPONSE:**

January 2021 report response: No further update to add at this time.

**December report response**: Nothing further updates to add at this time.

November report response: Nothing further updates to add at this time.

**October report response**: Nothing further updates to add at this time.

**September report response**: In addition to the July report response shown below, Liberty Utilities successfully placed a \$600 million 10-year senior unsecured notes issuance which closed on September 23, 2020.

**July report response**: Regarding the current situation, the Utility (meaning Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric Company) Corp. and/or Liberty Utilities (Energy North Natural Gas Company) Corp.) and/or its parent company do have adequate access to capital in the form of bank credit facilities. On July 17, 2020, the Utility's ultimate parent, Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. closed on its equity offering of additional common shares which raised total proceeds of CAD 983 million before fees and commissions (USD equivalent is approximately \$724 million). Neither the Utility nor its parent company have suffered any credit rating agency downgrade as a result of COVID-19.

# Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Granite State Electric) Corp.

Investigation into the Effects of the COVID-19 Emergency on Utilities and Utility Customers Monthly Reporting Requirements

Report Month: January 2021 Request No. 11 Date of Response: February 26, 2021

### **REQUEST**:

Describe incremental costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic since the State of Emergency order, how the cost is calculated, cost to date, accounting treatment, impact on earnings, and proposed or planned rate treatment.

### **RESPONSE:**

The incremental costs are tracked by establishing work orders by departments to which all COVID-19 related expenses are charged. These work orders are mapped to the Miscellaneous General Expense Account (FERC 930.2). The use of work orders allows the Company to track these incremental costs by the categories described below:

- Labor consists of labor cost for field employees who cannot work from home, are not ill but have been exposed to the virus and have been asked to self-quarantine.
- Non-labor expenses principally relate to personal protective equipment, cleaning agents (sanitizers and towel wipes), and fees.
- Waived fees represent waived customer late fees. These fees, although they are not an expense, represent a cost of the pandemic because they represent revenue that the Company would ordinarily receive from fees that have been approved by the Commission. By not being allowed to charge those fees, the loss of revenue has the same impact to the Company's financials as the incurrence of an expense. Late fees are calculated within the billing system but not applied to customer accounts. The Company is tracking waived fees in Excel.

Total NH CO	VID-19 Expens	e as at January 2021				
	EnergyNorth	GSE	Total			
Labor	261,493	126,766	388,259			
Non-Labor	295,908	112,207	408,115			
Waived Fees	424,781	69,804	494,585			
Total	982,182	308,777	1,290,959			

### Cost to date (Amount is based on Actual costs Incurred)

### Accounting treatment, impact on earnings, and proposed or planned rate treatment.

Earnings impact (pre-tax) is equal to the amounts charged to expenses for the incremental COVID-19 costs and the amount of waived late fees that have not been recorded on the books. This impact amounts to \$1,012,888 for March 2020 through January 2021. The Company proposes that the Commission establish a regulatory asset in which these incremental costs can be deferred with future rate recovery of the costs to be determined at a later date. Taking into consideration things like quarterly and annual financial reporting, establishing a regulatory asset in the near future would allow for more clarity as to the financial impacts associated with the pandemic and would eliminate the effects of any inconsistent patterns in costs and revenue impacts that may be experienced as the pandemic continues over time.