

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division

DG 20-152
Winter 2020/2021 Cost of Gas

Staff Technical Session Data Requests - Set 1

Date Request Received: 10/7/20
Request No. Staff TS 1-8

Date of Response: 10/19/20
Respondent: Steven Mullen

REQUEST:

Ref LU-K response to Staff DR 1-4

Please further answer “to what form of permission does the phrase ‘the go-ahead to put the CNG system online at any time’ refer?” Is Liberty-Keene referring to:

- a “go-ahead” with regard to safety concerns;
- a “go-ahead” with regard to a ministerial tariff;
- a “go-ahead” with regard to a rate for CNG per therm as distributed and used;
- a “go-ahead” for conversion or prudence of CNG;
- or something else?

RESPONSE:

The “go-ahead” ultimately was the combination of a number of factors, not just one. Please refer to the responses to Staff 1-4 and Staff 1-12 where the various permissions were described in detail. As further discussed in those responses, some of the permissions were expected while others were not. The required permissions included:

- Resolution of whether the Company needed to obtain new franchise approval to be able to provide natural gas to its customers in Keene;
- Resolution of a rehearing/reconsideration motions with respect to the Commission’s decision agreeing with the Company that no further franchise authority was necessary;
- Approval of changes to the Keene Division’s tariff;
- Approval by the Safety Division of the Company’s plans to provide natural gas service to its customers in the Monadnock Marketplace; and
- Approval by the Commission of the Safety Division’s approval described above.

The “at any time” portion of the phrase was meant to describe the unpredictable and unknowable timetable involved with the above items.