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**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION****DG 21-050****LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS)
d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES - KEENE DIVISION****2021 Summer Cost of Gas****ORDER OF NOTICE**

On March 15, 2021, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities-Keene Division (Liberty Keene or Company) submitted a 2021 Summer Cost of Gas (COG) filing outlining its proposed COG rates for the summer period (May 1, 2021 through October 31, 2021). Liberty Keene filed testimony, revised tariff pages, and schedules in support of the proposed rates. This filing 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 <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2021/20-041.html>.

Liberty Keene's proposed 2021 Summer COG rate is \$1.2165 per therm, a \$0.1912 increase from the current monthly Winter 2020-2021 COG rate of \$1.0253 per therm, and a \$0.5116 per therm increase when compared to last summer's weighted average rate of \$0.7049 per therm. This rate is based on the projected usage of both propane air and compressed natural gas (CNG) in Keene. The proposed change to the residential COG rate is expected to increase a typical residential heating customer's total summer bill from \$208 last summer to approximately \$253 this summer, an increase of \$45, or approximately 22 percent over the summer period using a weighted monthly average. The projected impact of the COG rate change, standing alone, is an increase from \$61 last summer to approximately \$106 this summer, an increase of \$45, or 73 percent.

The Liberty-Keene filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to RSA 374:2 and RSA 378 including: the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the forecasting of sales, supplier prices, and transportation prices; weather normalization; operational issues; purchasing decisions related to current and past supplies; capacity and revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity; the prudence and recovery of environmental remediation; the reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the revenue and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate change; the calculation of per therm costs for both propane air and CNG, and incremental savings and costs.

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 consistent with Governor Christopher T. Sununu's Emergency Order #12, the Commission will hold a web-enabled remote hearing, pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12, on April 19, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. Members of the public who wish to access the hearing may do so [by clicking here](#). **If you have any difficulty obtaining access to this remote event, please notify the Commission by calling (603) 271-2431 as soon as possible.** Parties will be provided with additional instruction prior to the hearing; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that Liberty-Keene, the Staff of the Commission, the Staff of OCA, and any intervenors hold a web-enabled remote technical session to review the filing on April 1, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Admin. R., Puc 203.12 and Puc 1604.03, Liberty-Keene shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than one business day after the date of issue.

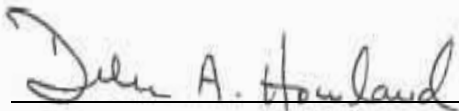
Publication shall be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before March 30,

2021. In addition, the Executive Director shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than one business day after the date of issue; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that, consistent with N.H. Admin. R. Puc. 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Liberty-Keene and to the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before March 29, 2021—if such party wishes to have a decision on the petition prior to the technical session—or otherwise on or before April 16, 2021, 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. Admin R., Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32. Pursuant to the secretarial letter issued on March 17, 2020, which is posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Secretarial%20Letters/20200317-SecLtr-Temp-Changes-in-Filing-Requirements.pdf>, any party seeking to intervene may elect to submit this filing in electronic form; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before the hearing scheduled for April 19, 2021 (submitted in electronic form).

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-third day of March, 2021.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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