

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

DG 22-015

Summer 2022 Cost of Gas

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**REQUEST:**

**Ref: DOE 1-15**

**Ref: March 15, 2022 filing, Schedules L-1 line 47 and L2 lines 47; Order 26,541 (October 29, 2021) in Dkt. No. DG 21-130; Order 26,542 (October 29, 2021) in Dkt. No. DG 21-132.**

Order 26,541 determined the EnergyNorth and Liberty Keene LDAC rate, effective November 1, 2021, on a provisional and interim basis, as \$0.1444 per therm for residential customers and \$0.0878 for commercial customers.

Schedule L-1, line 48 shows the LDAC rate for residential customers as \$0.1397 effective November 1, 2021; \$0.1012 effective December 1, 2021; \$0.1154 effective January 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022; and \$0.1318 effective March 1, 2022 through October 30, 2022. For each change from the LDAC rate of \$0.1444 per therm, identified in Schedule L-1-- including the November rate of \$0.1397-- please identify the Order and Docket authorizing the change, list each LDAC component and associated rate in place immediately prior to the change, and “show the math” resulting in the next identified LDAC rate. If the Order did not identify a specific rate, please identify the assumptions or allocations that resulted in the changed LDAC rate.

Schedule L-2, line 48 shows the LDAC rate for commercial and industrial customers as \$0.1397 effective November 1, 2021; \$0.1012 effective December 1, 2021; \$0.1154 effective January 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022; and \$0.1318 effective March 1, 2022 through October 30, 2022. For each change from the LDAC rate of \$0.1444 per therm, identified in Schedule L-1-- including the November rate of \$0.1397-- please identify the Order and Docket authorizing the change, list each LDAC component and associated rate in place immediately prior to the change, and “show the math” resulting in the next identified LDAC rate. If the Order did not identify a specific rate, please identify the assumptions or allocations that resulted in the changed LDAC rate.

Please update Schedules L-2 in the event that the commercial and industrial LDAC rate should not match the residential LDAC rate. Please identify the updated customer bill impact resulting from any adjustments. If LDAC rates are appropriately identical for Liberty Keene, please

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reference the tariff provision that so states. Should Order 26.542 (October 29, 2021) at 9-10 DG 21-132 be updated to correct an assignment of different LDACs for Liberty- Keene residential and commercial-industrial customers?

**RESPONSE:**

Note that there are no Schedules L-1 and L-3. We assume the question intended to refer to schedules “I-1” and “I-2.” Also, the question above did not include another reference in the ordering clause that is important here, that the approved rates included “adjustments to remove rate case expenses and RDAF as discussed in this order.”

The \$0.1444 cited in Order 26, 541 for residential customers already had the RDAF removed but did not include the removal of the rate case expenses. Once the rate case expenses were removed the approved rate became \$0.1397.

Below is what was included in the October 19, 2021, filing, which already had the RDAF issue removed.

<u>Residential Non Heating Rates - R-1, R-5</u>		<u>Sales Customers</u>
Energy Efficiency Charge	\$ 0.0861	
Demand Side Management Charge	0.0000	
Conservation Charge (CCx)	<u>          </u>	\$ 0.0861
Relief Holder and pond at Gas Street, Concord, NH	0.0000	
Manufactured Gas Plants	<u>0.0155</u>	
Environmental Surcharge (ES)		0.0155
Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor (RDAF)		0.0152
Energy Efficiency Resource Standard Lost Revenue Mechanism		0.0000
Rate Case Expense Factor (RCEF)		0.0121
Gas Assistance Program (GAP)		<u>0.0156</u>
<b>LDAC</b>		<b>\$ 0.1444</b>

Once the rate case expenses were removed from the Rate Case Expense Factor, the approved rate became \$0.1397. This is the rate that was used for November 2021.

<u>Residential Non Heating Rates - R-1, R-5</u>		<u>Sales Customers</u>
Energy Efficiency Charge	\$ 0.0861	
Demand Side Management Charge	0.0000	
Conservation Charge (CCx)	<u>          </u>	\$ 0.0861
Relief Holder and pond at Gas Street, Concord, NH	0.0000	
Manufactured Gas Plants	<u>0.0155</u>	
Environmental Surcharge (ES)		0.0155
Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor (RDAF)		0.0152
Energy Efficiency Resource Standard Lost Revenue Mechanism		0.0000
Rate Case Expense Factor (RCEF)		0.0074
Gas Assistance Program (GAP)		<u>0.0156</u>
<b>LDAC</b>		<b>\$ 0.1397</b>

Similarly, the \$0.0878 cited in Order 26,541 for commercial customers already had the RDAF removed but not the Rate Case Expenses, as shown below.

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**Residential Non Heating Rates - R-1, R-5**

**Commercial/Industrial Medium Annual Use Rates - G-42, G-52, G-45, G-56**

	<u>Sales</u> <u>Customers</u>	<u>Transportation</u> <u>Customers</u>
Energy Efficiency Charge	\$0.0408	
Demand Side Management Charge	<u>0.0000</u>	
Conservation Charge (CCx)	\$0.0408	\$0.0408
Relief Holder and pond at Gas Street, Concord, NH	0.0000	
Manufactured Gas Plants	<u>0.0155</u>	
Environmental Surcharge (ES)	0.0155	0.0155
Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor (RDAF)	0.0039	0.0039
Energy Efficiency Resource Standard Lost Revenue Mechanism	0.0000	0.0000
Rate Case Expense Factor (RCEF)	0.0121	0.0121
Gas Assistance Program (GAP)	<u>0.0156</u>	<u>0.0156</u>
<b>LDAC</b>	<b>\$ 0.0878</b>	<b>\$ 0.0878 per therm</b>

Once the rate case expenses were removed from the Rate Case Expense Factor, the approved rate became \$0.0831. This is the rate that was used for November 2021.

**Commercial/Industrial Low Annual Use Rates - G-41, G-51, G-44, G-55**

	<u>Sales</u> <u>Customers</u>	<u>Transportation</u> <u>Customers</u>
Energy Efficiency Charge	\$0.0408	
Demand Side Management Charge	<u>0.0000</u>	
Conservation Charge (CCx)	\$ 0.0408	\$ 0.0408
Relief Holder and pond at Gas Street, Concord, NH	0.0000	
Manufactured Gas Plants	<u>0.0155</u>	
Environmental Surcharge (ES)	0.0155	0.0155
Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Factor (RDAF)	0.0039	0.0039
Energy Efficiency Resource Standard Lost Revenue Mechanism	0.0000	0.0000
Rate Case Expense Factor (RCEF)	0.0074	0.0074
Gas Assistance Program (GAP)	<u>0.0156</u>	<u>0.0156</u>
<b>LDAC</b>	<b>\$ 0.0831</b>	<b>\$ 0.0831 per therm</b>

Schedule I-2 had the incorrect LDAC rate for commercial and industrial customers. See Attachment DOE 1-17.1.xlsx for the updated Bill Comparison schedules, I-1 and I-2.

See Attachment DOE 1-17.2.xlsx for the history of LDAC changes from the October 19, 2021, filing of the Winter 2021/2022 and Summer 2022 Cost of Gas filing to the present.