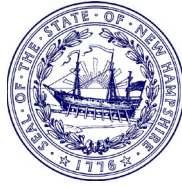


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Re: DG 22-045 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a  
Liberty, Winter 2022-2023 and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas, *DOE*  
*Concerns re Company Trigger Filing Proposed Effective July 1, 2023*

Dear Chairman Goldner:

The New Hampshire Department of Energy (“the Department” or “DOE”) has concerns about Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty,” or “the Company”)’s recent trigger filing proposed to be effective July 1, 2023.

Specifically, the October order, Order No. 26,715 (October 31, 2022) that Liberty references in the footer is not the only or complete basis for the rates subject to adjustment in this docket. Liberty should include in the footer of each tariff page, both the October Order (issued immediately after hearing) and Order No. 26,737 (November 30, 2022). The November order addressed Liberty’s irregular self-help in compliance tariff filings wherein Liberty filed rates inconsistent with Order No. 26,715, without prior notice to the Commission or the Department. See Order No. 26,737 at 1-3. Thus, for example the footer on proposed tariff page Twenty-fifth Revised Page 87 would say “*Authorized by NHPUC Order No. 26,715 (October 31, 2022) in Docket No. DG 22-045 and Order No. 26,737 (November 30, 2022) in Docket No. 22-045.*”

In addition, the Department asks that instead of eliminating prior now-historic orders from the footer, as Liberty has done, that prior EnergyNorth cost of gas orders be restored to the footer or at least retained in the future. This will provide a history of revisions made to the tariff that would otherwise be challenging and time-consuming for the Department and other parties to recreate. (The Department no longer has access to the tariff database that is accessible to Commission Staff).

Other than stated above, the Department finds Liberty’s proposal consistent with Order No. 26,715 and Order No. 26,737, subject to a future prudence review in the next EnergyNorth Winter/Summer Cost of Gas (i.e., supply) docket.

Consistent with the Commission's current practice, this letter is being filed solely in electronic format. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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