

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 22-045

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY

Winter 2022/ 2023 Cost of Gas and Summer 2023 Cost of Gas

DG 22-057

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP.
d/b/a LIBERTY-KEENE DIVISION**


Winter 2022/2023 Cost of Gas

Procedural Order Re: Utilities' December Cost-of-Gas Adjustment Filings

Pursuant to Order No. 26,715 in Docket No. DG 22-045 and Order No. 26,716 in Docket No. DG 22-057, respectively, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) and Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty-Keene Division (Liberty-Keene) are authorized, without further Commission action and subject to the conditions laid out in those orders, to adjust previously approved cost-of-gas rates based on projected over- or under-collections in a prior month for effect the first day of the succeeding month. If either utility elects to make such an adjustment to cost-of-gas rates, annotated tariff pages, revised rate schedules, and revised annotated tariff pages must be submitted at least five days before the first day of the succeeding month. Pursuant to this authority, on December 22, 2022, Liberty submitted a tariff filing for its December 2022 cost-of-gas adjustment with an effective date of January 1, 2023, which it revised on December 28 and December 29, 2022. Similarly, Liberty-Keene submitted a tariff filing for its December 2022 cost-of-gas adjustment with an effective date of January 1, 2023, which it revised on December 28 and December 29, 2022.

On December 29, 2022, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) submitted letters containing analyses of Liberty and Liberty-Keene's respective tariff filings. Based on its review, DOE concluded they were non-compliant for several reasons that it outlined in its letters. Given the abbreviated filing schedule associated with monthly cost-of-gas adjustments, Liberty and Liberty-Keene have not had an opportunity to respond to DOE's letters. Likewise, while the Commission is in the process of reviewing DOE's letters, it does not have the benefit of responses to these letters from Liberty or Liberty-Keene. In light of the circumstances, the Commission finds both utilities' December 22, 2022 tariff filings provisionally non-compliant. To be clear about the effect of this procedural order, as noted above, Liberty and Liberty-Keene may adjust their cost-of-gas rates without further Commission approval in accordance with Order Nos. 26,715 and 26,716. These filed cost-of-gas adjustments are authorized to take effect as requested notwithstanding this procedural order. Liberty and Liberty-Keene should file responses to the DOE's letters on or before January 6, 2023. The Commission will review the December 22, 2022 tariff filings after receiving the responses.

So ordered, this thirtieth day of December, 2022.


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