

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

DG 22-057

Winter 2022-2023 Cost of Gas

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Record Requests - Set 1

Date Request Received: 10/26/22
Request No. RR 1-5

Date of Response: 10/27/22
Respondent: Deborah Gilbertson

REQUEST:

Re Exhibit 3, Bates 028, please identify (1) the authority for imposing the fuel surcharge on Liberty, and (2) the basis for calculating the surcharge.”

RESPONSE:

It is standard practice in the fuel transportation industry to calculate fuel surcharges based on a national standard. The fuel percentage surcharge is set by the Energy Information Administration. Prices can be found at the website below:

https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/PET_PRI_GND_A_EPD2D_PTE_DPGAL_W.htm

| Year-Month | Week 1 | | Week 2 | | Week 3 | | Week 4 | | Week 5 | |
|------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| | End Date | Value | End Date | Value | End Date | Value | End Date | Value | End Date | Value |
| 2021-Feb | 02/01 | 2.796 | 02/08 | 2.840 | 02/15 | 2.888 | 02/22 | 2.962 | | |
| 2021-Mar | 03/01 | 3.014 | 03/08 | 3.053 | 03/15 | 3.082 | 03/22 | 3.099 | 03/29 | 3.091 |
| 2021-Apr | 04/05 | 3.076 | 04/12 | 3.071 | 04/19 | 3.071 | 04/26 | 3.080 | | |
| 2021-May | 05/03 | 3.084 | 05/10 | 3.115 | 05/17 | 3.152 | 05/24 | 3.150 | 05/31 | 3.165 |
| 2021-Jun | 06/07 | 3.183 | 06/14 | 3.203 | 06/21 | 3.213 | 06/28 | 3.238 | | |
| 2021-Jul | 07/05 | 3.242 | 07/12 | 3.245 | 07/19 | 3.251 | 07/26 | 3.252 | | |
| 2021-Aug | 08/02 | 3.255 | 08/09 | 3.262 | 08/16 | 3.271 | 08/23 | 3.260 | 08/30 | 3.271 |
| 2021-Sep | 09/06 | 3.285 | 09/13 | 3.288 | 09/20 | 3.300 | 09/27 | 3.299 | | |
| 2021-Oct | 10/04 | 3.335 | 10/11 | 3.459 | 10/18 | 3.555 | 10/25 | 3.626 | | |
| 2021-Nov | 11/01 | 3.651 | 11/08 | 3.656 | 11/15 | 3.657 | 11/22 | 3.666 | 11/29 | 3.666 |
| 2021-Dec | 12/06 | 3.654 | 12/13 | 3.643 | 12/20 | 3.633 | 12/27 | 3.623 | | |
| 2022-Jan | 01/03 | 3.622 | 01/10 | 3.627 | 01/17 | 3.698 | 01/24 | 3.777 | 01/31 | 3.833 |
| 2022-Feb | 02/07 | 3.947 | 02/14 | 4.007 | 02/21 | 4.076 | 02/28 | 4.158 | | |
| 2022-Mar | 03/07 | 4.815 | 03/14 | 5.231 | 03/21 | 5.125 | 03/28 | 5.309 | | |
| 2022-Apr | 04/04 | 5.283 | 04/11 | 5.181 | 04/18 | 5.177 | 04/25 | 5.240 | | |
| 2022-May | 05/02 | 6.101 | 05/09 | 6.339 | 05/16 | 6.431 | 05/23 | 6.371 | 05/30 | 6.226 |
| 2022-Jun | 06/06 | 6.195 | 06/13 | 6.122 | 06/20 | 6.123 | 06/27 | 6.030 | | |
| 2022-Jul | 07/04 | 5.919 | 07/11 | 5.820 | 07/18 | 5.693 | 07/25 | 5.539 | | |
| 2022-Aug | 08/01 | 5.463 | 08/08 | 5.351 | 08/15 | 5.175 | 08/22 | 5.122 | 08/29 | 5.183 |
| 2022-Sep | 09/05 | 5.161 | 09/12 | 5.087 | 09/19 | 5.011 | 09/26 | 4.967 | | |
| 2022-Oct | 10/03 | 4.874 | 10/10 | 5.149 | 10/17 | 5.595 | 10/24 | 5.773 | | |

- = No Data Reported; -- = Not Applicable; NA = Not Available; W = Withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Release Date: 10/24/2022
Next Release Date: 10/31/2022

The trucking company is provided a schedule by EIA which correlates the percentage of surcharge to the weekly price:

| NEW ENGLAND AVG | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| COST OF DIESEL FUEL | % OF SURCHARGE |
| \$4.00.0 – 4.05.9 | 18.5% |
| \$4.06.9 - 4.09.9 | 19.0% |
| \$4.10.0 - 4.15.9 | 19.5% |
| \$4.16.0 – 4.19.9 | 20.0% |
| \$4.20.0 – 4.25.9 | 20.5% |
| \$4.26.0 - 4.29.9 | 21.0% |
| \$4.30.0 - 4.35.9 | 21.5% |
| \$4.36.0 – 4.39.9 | 22.0% |
| \$4.40.0 – 4.45.9 | 22.5% |
| \$4.46.0 – 4.49.9 | 23.0% |
| \$4.50.0 – 4.55.9 | 23.5% |
| \$4.56.0 – 4.59.9 | 24.0% |
| \$4.60.0 – 4.65.9 | 24.5% |
| \$4.66.0 – 4.69.9 | 25.0% |
| \$4.70.0 – 4.75.9 | 25.5% |
| \$4.76.0 – 4.79.9 | 26.0% |
| \$4.80.0 – 4.85.9 | 26.5% |
| \$4.86.0 – 4.89.9 | 27.0% |
| \$4.90.0 – 4.95.9 | 27.5% |
| \$4.96.0 – 4.99.9 | 28.0% |
| \$5.00.0 – 5.05.9 | 28.5% |
| \$5.06.9 - 5.09.9 | 29.0% |
| \$5.10.0 - 5.15.9 | 29.5% |
| \$5.16.0 – 5.19.9 | 30.0% |
| \$5.20.0 – 5.25.9 | 30.5% |
| \$5.26.0 - 5.29.9 | 31.0% |
| \$5.30.0 - 5.35.9 | 31.5% |
| \$5.36.0 – 5.39.9 | 32.0% |

The trucking company then communicates the surcharge to customers, with the Keene-specific notice for the 2022–23 winter below:

Northern Gas Transport, Inc.
Box 106
Lyndonville, VT 05851-0106
1-800-648-1075
FAX: 802-626-5039

August 16, 2022

To: All Customers

Re: Fuel Surcharge Notice

As of Monday August 15, 2022, the Department of Energy New England average price per gallon of diesel fuel was \$5.175. All deliveries invoiced from Sunday, August 21, 2022 through Saturday, August 27, 2022 will be line item assessed at 30% fuel surcharge. Thank you and should you have any questions, please contact Renee Young at 1-800-648-1075 extension 221.

Best Regards,