

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 23-034

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

Summer 2023 Cost of Gas

Procedural Order Following Prehearing Conference

On March 29, 2023, the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), with the partial assent of Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty-Keene Division (Liberty Keene), filed the following proposed procedural schedule to govern this proceeding following the prehearing conference and technical session of March 30, 2023:

DOE Data Requests (DRs) to Liberty Keene	April 4, 2023
Liberty Keene Responses to DRs	April 12, 2023
Technical Session #2	April 13, 2023, 1:00 pm
Parties to File Hearing Exhibits	April 14, 2023
Hearing	April 18, 2023

At the prehearing conference on March 30, 2023, Liberty Keene indicated that it fully assented to the proposed procedural schedule. In addition, the Commission directed Liberty Keene to file illustrative tariff pages no later than April 12, 2023. The Commission approved the proposed procedural schedule with the addition of the illustrative tariff filing requirement during the prehearing conference.

Following Commissioner questions regarding Liberty Keene's Propane Purchasing Stabilization Plan, the Commission reviewed Order Nos. 24,536 (October 31, 2005), 24,617 (April 28, 2006), and 24,745 (April 27, 2007). In Order No. 24,745 at page 6, the Commission states that it expects the company¹ to "exercise its best judgment as to when and how much propane to pre-purchase in any given year, a key consideration being the

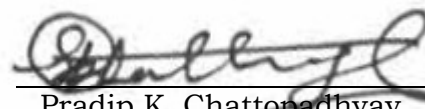
¹ At that time, Liberty Keene's propane system was owned and operated by New Hampshire Gas Corporation.

reasonableness of the premium.” The Commission therefore expects that Liberty Keene will be prepared to discuss the use of discretion in executing its Propane Purchasing Stabilization Plan in 2023, as well as current market conditions, at the hearing on April 18, 2023.

So ordered, this fourth day of April, 2023.



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