**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**
**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DG 16-812**

**LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORPORATION D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES – KEENE DIVISION**

**2016-2017 Winter Period Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On September 15, 2016, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities - Keene Division (Keene Division), a public utility providing propane-air service to approximately 1,300 customers in Keene, New Hampshire, filed its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the winter period, November 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. The Keene Division filed testimony, revised tariff pages, and schedules in support of the new rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commission's website at http://w'ww.puc.nh.gov/Regulatorv/Docketbkl2016/16-812.html.

The proposed COG rate is $1.5152 per therm, a $0.6364 per therm increase from the weighted average COG rate of $.6609 per therm for last winter. The Keene Division also proposes a $1.5352 per therm rate for its fixed price option program (FPO) (a $0.02 per therm premium over the non-FPO rate). The cumulative effect of the COG adjustment for a typical residential heating customer is that this winter's gas bill, for non-FPO customers, is expected to be $1,458 compared to a total bill of $1,002 for last winter, an increase of approximately, $456 or 45.5 percent. The Keene Division also requests a waiver from N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1203.05, in order to implement the rate change on a bills-rendered basis. The petition

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The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the reasonableness of rates and charges pursuant to RSA 378, including forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, operational issues, and reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues. Each party has the rightto have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

**Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED,** that a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 13, 2016, at 11:00 a.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that Liberty, the Staff of the Commission and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition on October 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.; and it is

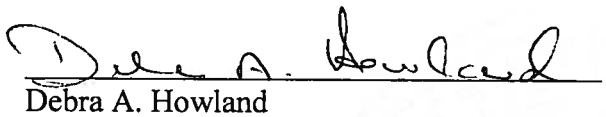
**FURTHER ORDERED,** that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Keene Division shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 6, 2016, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented byaffidavit filed with the Commission on or before October 11, 2016; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 and Puc 203.02, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to the Keene Division and the Office ofthe Consumer Advocate on or before October 11, 2016, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may

beaffected by the proceeding, as required by N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17 and RSA 541-A:32,I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED,** that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before October 13, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-ninth day of September, 2016.



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