

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

DG 19-068

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

2019 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 29, 2019, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities-Keene Division (Liberty-Keene) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period May 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. Liberty-Keene filed testimony, revised tariff pages, and schedules in support of the proposed 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 www.puc.nh.gov.

The proposed COG rate is \$0.9886 per therm, which results in a decrease of \$0.0242 per therm from the weighted average rate of \$1.0128 per therm rate approved last summer. The proposed change to the residential COG rate is expected to decrease a typical residential heating customer's total summer bill from \$376 last summer to approximately \$366 this summer, a decrease of approximately 2.7 percent. The projected impact of the COG rate change, standing alone, is a decrease from \$174.21 last summer to approximately \$170.04, a decrease of \$4.17, or 2.4 percent.

The filing raises, *inter alia*, issues related to RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; and the revenue and rate

impacts resulting from the proposed rate change. Each party has the right to 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 St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 23, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty-Keene shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than April 9, 2019, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 19, 2019; 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 Liberty-Keene and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 19, 2019, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with N.H. Code Admin. Rule Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 23, 2019.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this third day of April, 2019.


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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