

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 21-127

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

Petition to Approve Special Contract with Granite Ridge Energy, LLC

PROCEDURAL ORDER RE: RECORD REQUESTS

ORDER NO. 26,606

April 8, 2022

On March 30, 2022, the Commission issued a Notice of Adjudicative Proceeding in this matter. In that notice, the Commission acknowledged that it issued an initial set of record requests to Liberty on November 9, 2021, and that Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or the Company) responded to those record requests on November 19, 2021. The Commission, however, went on to state that that additional investigation and a hearing would be required, and that a second set of record requests would be issued to by the Commission.

In order to develop a more complete record in this docket, the Commission hereby notifies the parties that, pursuant to RSA 365:19, RSA 541-A:33, V(b), and, by analogy, Puc 203.27(a)(2), the Commission takes official notice of Exhibit no. 5 and Exhibit no. 9 from Docket No. DG 00-145 in this matter. For the convenience of the parties, these exhibits are appended to this order. Furthermore, we direct Liberty to provide a response to the following record requests and requests for specific answers no later than April 29, 2022:

- 1) Provide a table showing every charge that Granite Ridge has paid to Liberty in the last five years in addition to the contractually set charge for transmission under the terms of the existing special contract/transportation agreement, including any demand charges, variable charges, and Local Distribution Adjustment Clause (LDAC) charges (broken down by LDAC

charge component) pursuant to Liberty's applicable tariff.

- 2) Provide a table showing every charge that Granite Ridge would pay to Liberty over the next five years if the proposed 2021 GTA special contract were to be approved, in addition to the contractually set charge for transmission under the proposed 2021 GTA special contract, including any demand charges, variable charges, and LDAC charges (broken down by LDAC charge component) pursuant to Liberty's applicable tariff.
- 3) In record request response 1-1, Liberty stated that "... the Company will collect Granite Ridge's share of the MGP costs through the LDAC." Liberty's tariff, however, states that special contract customers are exempt from the Environmental Surcharges, which include any MGP costs allowable in the LDAC. See NHPUC Tariff NO. 10 at second revised page 38, NHPUC Tariff NO. 11 at original page 39. In addition to accurately demonstrating how Granite Ridge has been and might be charged in questions one and two above, provide a narrative description stating why Environmental Surcharges are or are not applicable to Granite Ridge.
- 4) In support of its petition in Docket DG 00-145, the Company stated that "Perhaps, the most important benefit that [Liberty]'s customers will receive from the AES relationship is the additional gas supply that will become available under the Peaking Agreement. The Peaking Agreement is expected to provide significant gas cost savings because it will provide [Liberty] with considerable flexibility in managing its peaking resources." Exh. 5 at 10-11, Docket DG 00-145. The Commission went on to state "The most important benefit that [Liberty]'s customers will receive from the AES relationship is the additional gas supply that will become available under the Peaking Agreement. The Peaking Agreement is expected to provide significant gas cost savings because it will provide [Liberty] with considerable flexibility in managing its peaking resources." Order No. 23,657 at 27-28 (March 22, 2001)
 - a. Did the Company perform any analysis to determine whether such stated benefits were achieved? If yes, please provide all analysis done in this context with supporting live models/schedules/workpapers.
 - b. Please provide yearly customer transaction details (rates, volumes, totals etc. in live Excel format) related to the peaking agreement (reference sections 4.1 - 4.6), including but not limited to demand charges (rates and total), hourly commodity charges (gas volume, rates, and total), and any other customer billing determinants.
 - c. Please provide analyses of the yearly benefits achieved for Liberty customers with all data, assumptions, and supporting models/schedules/workpapers in live Excel format.
- 5) Reference DG 00-145, Exhibit 9, Attachment ALS-1 (AES Financial Model) providing detailed calculations of projected benefit-cost for both transportation and peaking agreements.
 - a. Please compare the projected benefit-cost with the actual benefits and costs realized to date. Please provide all supporting models/schedules/workpapers in live Excel format.

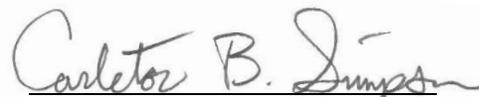
- b. Please update the model for the future years (2022-2040) with the latest available data.
- 6) Provide the annual amount paid by AES/Granite Ridge to Liberty, with a logical breakdown of the major payment components, from 2001. Compare these figures to the annual amount spent by Liberty to build and maintain the pipeline. Calculate the Net Present Value using Liberty's current Weighted Average Cost of Capital.
 - 7) Provide the Liberty revenue requirement attributable to Granite Ridge by year, from 2001
 - 8) Beginning in 2001, provide the actual depreciation schedule (yearly plant balance, additions, retirements, etc.) and forecasted depreciation to end-of-life of the Londonderry Lateral in live Excel format with all formulae and calculations intact.
 - 9) Provide illustrative bills for the Granite Ridge over the past twelve months had the Granite Ridge been enrolled on Liberty's applicable Commission-approved tariff. Provide a comparison of those illustrative bills to the actual revenues collected over the same time period.
 - 10) If the existing special contract is not renewed, would Liberty be precluded from serving other customers of the Londonderry Lateral? Please explain.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that Liberty shall provide responses to the Commission's record requests in this order in writing and through the production of live Excel spreadsheets filed with the Commission and served on the parties on or before April 29, 2022.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this eighth day of April, 2022.


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