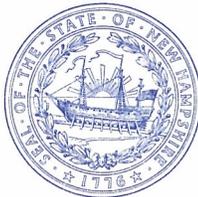


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Re: DG 13-186 EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities  
Petition for Correction of Tariff  
Staff Recommendation

Dear Ms. Howland:

On June 26, 2013, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty or Company) filed a petition for approval to correct Section 10.6.1, related to supplier balancing, contained in NHPUC No. 6 – Gas, Tariff of Gas Service. In a 2009 tariff filing required upon the conclusion of the rate case docketed as DG 08-009, a clerical error by the Company resulted in the inadvertent omission of the following language, “and the Supplier shall be charged two (2) times the Daily Index for the remaining difference.” Liberty recently discovered the error and notified Commission Staff (Staff) and the Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA). Liberty responded to informal Staff and OCA inquiries regarding the instant request, and participated in a technical session, the results of which are outlined in Liberty’s petition.

The omitted language is critical in order to maintain proper incentives for suppliers to supply the correct amount of gas necessary for Liberty to meet its pipeline requirements. The restoration of this language will not result in any harm to customers, as the charge is assessed against suppliers.

For the reasons cited above, Staff believes the proposed tariff correction as filed by Liberty is in the public interest and should be approved. As indicated by the Company’s petition, the OCA has also indicated its assent to the Company’s petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen P. Frink". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Stephen P. Frink  
Assistant Director, Gas & Water Division

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