

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

DG 16-307

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

2016 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On March 14, 2016, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division (Keene Division) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period, May 1, 2016, through October 31, 2016. 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://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-307.html>.

The proposed COG rate is \$0.4019 per therm, a \$0.4136 per therm decrease from the weighted average of \$0.8155 per therm for last summer. The proposed change to the residential COG rate, together with an adjustment for an over-collection, is expected to decrease a typical residential heating customer's total summer bill from \$209 last summer to approximately \$177 this summer, a decrease of approximately \$33 or 15.6 percent. The projected impact of the COG rate change, standing alone, is a reduction from \$64.40 last summer to approximately \$31.73, a decrease of \$32.67, or 50.7 percent.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA Chapter 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; the causes and treatment of a prior period over-recovery; the revenues and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate changes; and operational issues, related to RSA 374:1, with the Keene Division system. 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 Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 11, 2016 at 10:30 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 March 31, 2016, 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 6, 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 of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 6, 2016, such Petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interest may be affected 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 April 11, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of

March, 2016.



Debra A. Howland
Executive Director

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FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND
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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.