

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

DG 22-057

Winter 2022-2023 Cost of Gas

New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Record Requests - Set 1

Date Request Received: 10/26/22
Request No. RR 1-5

Date of Response: 10/27/22
Respondent: Deborah Gilbertson

REQUEST:

Re Exhibit 3, Bates 028, please identify (1) the authority for imposing the fuel surcharge on Liberty, and (2) the basis for calculating the surcharge.”

RESPONSE:

It is standard practice in the fuel transportation industry to calculate fuel surcharges based on a national standard. The fuel percentage surcharge is set by the Energy Information Administration. Prices can be found at the website below:

https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/PET_PRI_GND_A_EPD2D_PTE_DPGAL_W.htm

Year-Month	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5	
	End Date	Value								
2021-Feb	02/01	2.796	02/08	2.840	02/15	2.888	02/22	2.962		
2021-Mar	03/01	3.014	03/08	3.053	03/15	3.082	03/22	3.099	03/29	3.091
2021-Apr	04/05	3.076	04/12	3.071	04/19	3.071	04/26	3.080		
2021-May	05/03	3.084	05/10	3.115	05/17	3.152	05/24	3.150	05/31	3.165
2021-Jun	06/07	3.183	06/14	3.203	06/21	3.213	06/28	3.238		
2021-Jul	07/05	3.242	07/12	3.245	07/19	3.251	07/26	3.252		
2021-Aug	08/02	3.255	08/09	3.262	08/16	3.271	08/23	3.260	08/30	3.271
2021-Sep	09/06	3.285	09/13	3.288	09/20	3.300	09/27	3.299		
2021-Oct	10/04	3.335	10/11	3.459	10/18	3.555	10/25	3.626		
2021-Nov	11/01	3.651	11/08	3.656	11/15	3.657	11/22	3.666	11/29	3.666
2021-Dec	12/06	3.654	12/13	3.643	12/20	3.633	12/27	3.623		
2022-Jan	01/03	3.622	01/10	3.627	01/17	3.698	01/24	3.777	01/31	3.833
2022-Feb	02/07	3.947	02/14	4.007	02/21	4.076	02/28	4.158		
2022-Mar	03/07	4.815	03/14	5.231	03/21	5.125	03/28	5.309		
2022-Apr	04/04	5.283	04/11	5.181	04/18	5.177	04/25	5.240		
2022-May	05/02	6.101	05/09	6.339	05/16	6.431	05/23	6.371	05/30	6.226
2022-Jun	06/06	6.195	06/13	6.122	06/20	6.123	06/27	6.030		
2022-Jul	07/04	5.919	07/11	5.820	07/18	5.693	07/25	5.539		
2022-Aug	08/01	5.463	08/08	5.351	08/15	5.175	08/22	5.122	08/29	5.183
2022-Sep	09/05	5.161	09/12	5.087	09/19	5.011	09/26	4.967		
2022-Oct	10/03	4.874	10/10	5.149	10/17	5.595	10/24	5.773		

- = No Data Reported; -- = Not Applicable; NA = Not Available; W = Withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data.

Release Date: 10/24/2022
Next Release Date: 10/31/2022

The trucking company is provided a schedule by EIA which correlates the percentage of surcharge to the weekly price:

NEW ENGLAND AVG	
COST OF DIESEL FUEL	% OF SURCHARGE
\$4.00.0 – 4.05.9	18.5%
\$4.06.9 - 4.09.9	19.0%
\$4.10.0 - 4.15.9	19.5%
\$4.16.0 – 4.19.9	20.0%
\$4.20.0 – 4.25.9	20.5%
\$4.26.0 - 4.29.9	21.0%
\$4.30.0 - 4.35.9	21.5%
\$4.36.0 – 4.39.9	22.0%
\$4.40.0 – 4.45.9	22.5%
\$4.46.0 – 4.49.9	23.0%
\$4.50.0 – 4.55.9	23.5%
\$4.56.0 – 4.59.9	24.0%
\$4.60.0 – 4.65.9	24.5%
\$4.66.0 – 4.69.9	25.0%
\$4.70.0 – 4.75.9	25.5%
\$4.76.0 – 4.79.9	26.0%
\$4.80.0 – 4.85.9	26.5%
\$4.86.0 – 4.89.9	27.0%
\$4.90.0 – 4.95.9	27.5%
\$4.96.0 – 4.99.9	28.0%
\$5.00.0 – 5.05.9	28.5%
\$5.06.9 - 5.09.9	29.0%
\$5.10.0 - 5.15.9	29.5%
\$5.16.0 – 5.19.9	30.0%
\$5.20.0 – 5.25.9	30.5%
\$5.26.0 - 5.29.9	31.0%
\$5.30.0 - 5.35.9	31.5%
\$5.36.0 – 5.39.9	32.0%

The trucking company then communicates the surcharge to customers, with the Keene-specific notice for the 2022–23 winter below:

Northern Gas Transport, Inc.
Box 106
Lyndonville, VT 05851-0106
1-800-648-1075
FAX: 802-626-5039

August 16, 2022

To: All Customers

Re: Fuel Surcharge Notice

As of Monday August 15, 2022, the Department of Energy New England average price per gallon of diesel fuel was \$5.175. All deliveries invoiced from Sunday, August 21, 2022 through Saturday, August 27, 2022 will be line item assessed at 30% fuel surcharge. Thank you and should you have any questions, please contact Renee Young at 1-800-648-1075 extension 221.

Best Regards,