

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 21-130

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

Winter 2021/2022 Cost of Gas and Summer 2022 Cost of Gas

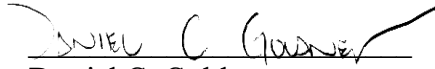
Procedural Order Re: Request for Earlier Hearing Date

On May 20, 2022, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a motion to increase summer cost of gas (COG) rates effective June 1, 2022. The New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE) filed an objection to Liberty's motion, in which it asserted that more time was required for notice, review of Liberty's request, and a hearing. It requested that the Commission schedule a hearing on either June 24 or June 27, 2022, with an order to issue prior to an effective date of July 1, 2022. The Office of the Consumer Advocate (OCA) filed a letter of support of the DOE's requests. On May 26, 2022, the Commission issued Order No. 26,632, in which it suspended Liberty's proposed COG tariffs for three months, pending further investigation, and scheduled a hearing on July 13, 2022.

The OCA filed a letter on June 1, 2022, asking the Commission to "reconsider its unwillingness" to hear this matter in late June, so that any new COG rates could be implemented on July 1, 2022 to lessen the potential rate shock to Liberty's residential customers. As acknowledged by the OCA, however, the Commission stated in Order No. 26,632 that it was unable to schedule a hearing on the dates in late June proposed by the DOE. These circumstances have not changed. Therefore, the hearing will remain scheduled on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1:30 pm. Three hours have been allotted for

this hearing, which will be conducted in accordance with the hearing guidelines issued on
May 26, 2022.

So ordered, this fifteenth day of June, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "DANIEL C. GOLDNER", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel C. Goldner
Presiding Officer
Chairman

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