

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DE 13-253

LIBERTY UTILITIES CO., ET AL.

Petition for Approval of Proposed Reorganization

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF ORDER NO. 25,587 APPROVING PETITION

October 24, 2013

On September 10, 2013, EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. (EnergyNorth), Granite State Electric Co. (Granite State), Liberty Energy Utilities (New Hampshire) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty NH), Liberty Energy Utilities Co. (Liberty Energy) and Liberty Utilities Co. (LUC) (the Petitioners), filed a petition requesting approval, pursuant to RSA 369:8, II(a) and RSA 374:33, for a non-substantive corporate reorganization to eliminate an unnecessary corporate entity in Liberty NH's chain of ownership, through a merger involving Liberty NH's corporate parents, Liberty Energy and LUC, that would result in direct ownership by LUC of Liberty NH. Liberty NH is the owner of EnergyNorth and Granite State, each of which is a regulated New Hampshire public utility. On the basis of its review of the petition and related attachments, and the representations made by the Petitioners therein, Staff filed a memorandum on October 7, 2013 recommending that the Commission approve the proposed reorganization under RSA 369:8, II(a) and RSA 374:33 by Order *Nisi*. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, is posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2013/13-253.html>.

Based on review of the petition and Staff's recommendation, the Commission concluded that the proposed reorganization transaction will have no adverse effect on the rates, terms,

service or operation of either EnergyNorth or Granite State, and that the Petitioners' proposal is lawful, proper, and in the public interest. The Commission approved the petition on a *nisi* basis under RSA 369:8, II(a) and RSA 374:33.

All persons interested in responding to the Order *Nisi* may submit their comments or file a written request for a hearing which states the reasons and basis for a hearing no later than November 4, 2013 for the Commission's consideration; and any party interested in responding to such comments or request for a hearing shall do so no later than November 6, 2013. The Order *Nisi* shall be effective November 8, 2013 unless the Commission orders otherwise.