

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

DG 17-069

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

**Proposed Revised Tariff NHPUC No. 1 Page 17 for Standard Heat Content Value
Order Suspending Proposed Tariff and Scheduling Prehearing Conference**

ORDER NO. 26,019

May 24, 2017

In this Order, the Commission suspends a proposed Liberty-Keene Division tariff for adjustment of the heat content value of natural gas sold, to accommodate proposed changes to the Keene Division's physical plant delineated in Docket No. DG 17-068.

On April 24, 2017, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division (“Liberty-Keene” or “the Company”), filed proposed tariff changes to its NHPUC No. 1, Page 17 tariff provisions, relating to the standard heat content value of gas supplied to the Company's customers. Specifically, Liberty-Keene plans to convert from a system that delivers propane-air to a system that delivers natural gas, and the adjustments to Page 17 of NHPUC No.1 are designed to accommodate this conversion. (The Company's conversion effort is discussed in greater detail in its petition for a declaratory ruling, docketed in Docket No. DG 17-068). Liberty-Keene included a technical statement by David B. Simek in support of its petition.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: whether the proposed tariff is just and reasonable under RSA Chapter 378, RSA 374:1, and RSA 374:2; and whether the proposal by Liberty will result in the continued provision of safe and reliable gas service.

Under RSA 378:3, tariff changes take effect after 30 days' notice to the Commission and to the public, subject to the Commission's ability to suspend such changes when an investigation is appropriate, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I (b). Here, Liberty-Keene's proposed tariff provisions warrant further investigation, and so we suspend the proposed tariff pages filed by the Company pending our investigation for a period of 3 months, or until August 24, 2017, when the Commission may extend the suspension for 5 months if more time is needed, pursuant to RSA 378:6, I (b).

The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted to the Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-069.html>. 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 the proposed tariff revisions to Liberty-Keene's tariff, NHPUC No. 1, Page 17, filed by the Company, are hereby suspended pursuant to RSA 378:6, I(b), through August 24, 2017, pending investigation and further order of the Commission; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that a Prehearing Conference, pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on June 23, 2017, at 10:00 am, at which each party will provide a preliminary statement of its position with regard to the petition and any of the issues set forth in N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.15; and it is

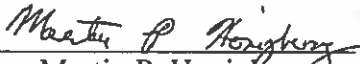
FURTHER ORDERED, that, immediately following the Prehearing Conference, the Company, the Staff of the Commission, and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session to review the petition; and it is

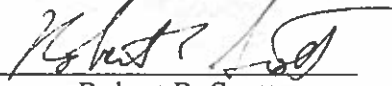
FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Company shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than June 5, 2017, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before June 20, 2017; 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 Company and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before June 20, 2017, 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 it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before June 23, 2017.

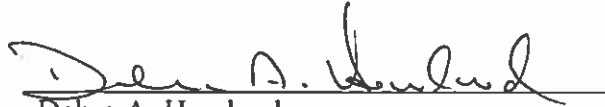
By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fourth day of May, 2017.


Martin P. Honigberg
Chairman


Robert R. Scott
Commissioner


Kathryn M. Bailey
Commissioner

Attested by:


Debra A. Howland
Executive Director