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## Via Electronic and US Mail

Debra A. Howland Executive Director New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission 21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301 DEC 2 2012 COMMISSION

RE: DG 12-265 EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc.
2012-2013 Winter Period Cost of Gas – January 2013 Trigger Page

Dear Ms. Howland:

On behalf of EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (the "Company") and in accordance with New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Order No. 25,435, dated October 30, 2012 in Docket DG 12-265, I enclose an original and six copies of tariff pages and accompanying calculations setting forth the Company's adjusted 2012-13 Winter Cost of Gas rates to be effective January 1, 2013. These adjusted rates require no further Commission action because they are within the maximum rates set forth in Order No. 25,435.

The adjusted costs of gas rates are being filed to reflect an update of the winter period deferred gas cost balance and the projected commodity prices for the remainder of the winter period. The attached estimated cost of gas was calculated using the 15 day average NYMEX settled prices as of December 18, 2012. These adjustments decreased the average Cost of Gas rate by \$0.0234 per therm. Specifically, the Residential Cost of Gas Rate decreased from \$0.6799 per therm to \$0.6565 per therm. Similarly, the Commercial/Industrial Low Winter Use rate decreased from \$0.6751 per therm to \$0.6517 per therm. Finally, the Commercial/Industrial High Winter Use rate decreased from \$0.6816 per therm to \$0.6582 per therm.

The enclosed calculation page prepared by the Company, indicates that absent the adjustment, there would be an estimated over collection of gas costs as of April 30, 2013 of approximately \$1,173,433 or 2.42%.

Enclosed are the following revised pages to Tariff NHPUC No. 7 – Gas:

Sixth Revised Page 1 Check Sheet

Sixth Revised Page 3 Check Sheet (continued)
Sixth Revised Page 76 Firm Rate Schedules

Sixth Revised Page 87 Calculation of Firm Sales Cost of Gas Rate

The filing has also been submitted electronically to the Commission in accordance with Order Number 24,223 issued on October 24, 2003.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Enclosures** 

cc: Celia O'Brien

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