

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

**DG 15-091**

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

**2015 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On March 17, 2015, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period May 1, 2015, through October 31, 2015. Liberty included in the filing revised tariff pages, prefiled testimony, and other materials in support of the proposed rates. The petition and subsequent docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, will be posted to the Commissions website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2015/15-091.html>.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.3464 per therm, a \$0.1498 per therm decrease from the weighted average residential COG rate of \$0.5062 per therm for last summer. Liberty did not propose any change in its Local Distribution Adjustment Charge (LDAC), which was increased from \$0.0290 to \$0.0772 per therm as part of Liberty's 2014-2015 winter COG proceeding. Order No. 25,730 (Oct. 31, 2014). The proposed reduction to Liberty's residential COG rate that is the subject of this docket, combined with other rate changes since last summer, will decrease a typical residential heating customer's bill for the entire summer period by approximately \$16.56, or 22.05 percent, compared to last summer. Standing alone, the lower

residential COG rate proposed in this docket will reduce a typical residential heating customer's bill by \$23.71 as compared to last summer's COG rate.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG rate is \$0.3089 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG rate is \$0.3613 per therm, decreases from last summer's weighted average COG rates of \$0.4912 and \$0.5170, respectively.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA 378 and the justness and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the reasonableness of sales forecasts, supplier prices, and transportation prices; reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues; the causes and treatment of a prior period over-recovery; purchasing decisions related to the current and past summer supplies and capacity; revenue projections related to transportation services and released capacity; and revenues and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate changes. 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 a hearing be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on April 21, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.; and it is

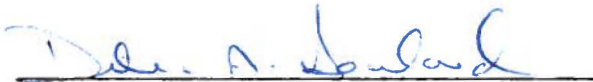
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that Liberty, the Staff of the Commission, and any Intervenors hold a Technical Session on April 6, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. to review the petition and allow Liberty to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 31, 2015, 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 April 17, 2015; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17, any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a Petition to Intervene with copies sent to Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 17, 2015, 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 RSA 541-A:32, I(b); and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a Petition to Intervene make said Objection on or before April 21, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of March, 2015.



Debra A. Howland  
Executive Director

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**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:**

- a) Pursuant to N.H. Admin Rule Puc 203.02 (a), with the exception of Discovery, file 7 copies, as well as an electronic copy, of all documents including cover letter with: DEBRA A HOWLAND  
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