



Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

DG 15-289

Petition for Approval of a Gas Franchise for Lebanon and Hanover, New Hampshire

Ariel Arwen's Data Requests - Set 2

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Respondent: Steven E. Mullen

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**REQUEST:**

Ref response to Arwen 1-9, including attachments. Based on the depreciable lives approved by the Commission for the various asset classes in Docket DG 08-009, is it correct to conclude that in that case 51% of the project costs are being depreciated over 60 years and 31% of the costs are being depreciated over 40 years? If that conclusion is incorrect, would you please explain what the correct percentages are for the 60-year and 40-year assets, and how you arrived at those figures?

Does Liberty Utilities project that the asset mix will be the in the same proportions for the project proposed in this docket as the project that was approved in DG 08-009? If not, please explain what you expect the asset mix to be in this case?

**RESPONSE:**

Docket No. DG 08-009 was a general distribution rate case and the \$268.7 million of total plant costs shown in Attachment Arwen 1-9.1 represented the total distribution plant in service for EnergyNorth as of June 30, 2007, from all projects placed in service up to that time. The 51% and 31% referenced in the question represents the respective percentages of mains and services, as compared to the total plant in service at that time, but have no relation to any particular project.

Liberty Utilities does not expect that the asset mix for this project will be in the same proportions, as land and the supply facility will be included in the asset mix for this project. Also, the proportional asset mix will change over time as build-out occurs, which will lead to increased investment in the size of the supply facility, as well as increased investment in mains and services.

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