

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

DG 15-391

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

2015-2016 Winter Period Cost of Gas Adjustment

ORDER OF NOTICE

On September 16, 2015, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities – Keene Division (Keene Division), a public utility providing propane-air service to approximately 1,220 customers in Keene, New Hampshire, filed revisions to its tariff providing its cost of gas (COG) rates for the winter period, November 1, 2015, through April 30, 2016. The proposed COG rate is \$0.8788 per therm, a \$0.5437 per therm decrease from the weighted average COG rate of \$1.4225 per therm for last winter. The Keene Division also proposed a \$0.8988 per therm rate for its fixed price option program (FPO) (a \$0.02 per therm premium over the non-FPO rate).

The cumulative effect of the COG adjustment for a typical residential heating customer is that this winter's gas bill, for non-FPO customers, is expected to be \$1,126, compared to a total bill of \$1,418 for last winter, a decrease of approximately \$293, or 21 percent. The Keene Division also requests a waiver from N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 1203.05, in order to implement the rate change on a bills-rendered basis. 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 Commission's website at www.puc.nh.gov.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to the reasonableness of rates and charges pursuant to RSA 378, including forecasting of sales, supplier prices and transportation prices, operational issues, and reconciliation of prior period costs and revenues. 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 Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on October 23, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, the Keene Division shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than October 7, 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 October 20, 2015; 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 Keene Division and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before October 20, 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 October 23, 2015.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-eighth day of
September, 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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- b) Serve an electronic copy with each person identified on the Commission's service list and with the Office of Consumer Advocate.
- c) Serve a written copy on each person on the service list not able to receive electronic mail.