

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

**DG 16-315**

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

**2016 Summer Period Cost of Gas Adjustment**

**ORDER OF NOTICE**

On March 16, 2016, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilites (Liberty) filed with the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its proposed cost of gas (COG) rates for the summer period May 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016. 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 Commission's website at <http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2016/16-315.html>.

The proposed residential COG rate is \$0.4118 per therm, a \$0.0803 per therm increase from the weighted average residential COG rate of \$0.3315 per therm for last summer. Liberty did not propose any change in its Local Distribution Adjustment Charge (LDAC). The proposed increase to Liberty's residential COG rate that is the subject of this docket, combined with other rate changes since last summer, will increase a typical residential heating customer's bill for the entire summer period by approximately \$29.51, or 12.7 percent, compared to last summer. Standing alone, the higher residential COG rate proposed in this docket will increase a typical residential heating customer's bill by \$12.39 as compared to last summer's COG rate.

The proposed commercial/industrial low winter use COG rate is \$0.4115 per therm and the proposed commercial/industrial high winter use COG rate is \$0.3976 per therm, increases from last summer's weighted average COG rates of \$0.3028 and \$0.3413, respectively.

The filing raises, inter alia, issues related to: RSA Chapter 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 under-recovery; purchasing decisions related to the current and past summer supplies and 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 11, 2016, 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 8, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. to review the petition and allow Liberty to provide any amendments or updates to its filing; and it is

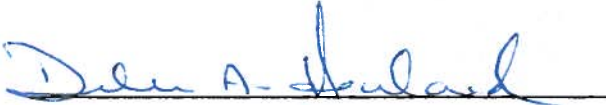
**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.12, Liberty shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this Order of Notice no later than March 31, 2016, in a newspaper with general circulation in those portions of the state in which operations are conducted, publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before April 6, 2016; 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 Liberty and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before April 6, 2016, 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 11, 2016.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fifth day of March, 2016.



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:**
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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.**