

State of New Hampshire
Public Utilities Commission

Docket No. DG 16-XXX

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

Petition to Amend Tariff to Include Managed Expansion Program Rates

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) respectfully petitions the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission pursuant to RSA 378:3 and RSA 378:7 to amend its tariff to accommodate Managed Expansion Program rates.

In support of this petition, Liberty represents as follows:

1. Liberty's tariff uses a revenue test to determine whether requests for main and service line extensions can be performed at no charge to the customer. If the revenue test demonstrates that the proposed extension is not economical for the company, the tariff requires the customer to make a Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC).
2. CIAC payments impose a financial barrier to customers who wish to obtain the benefits of natural gas service.
3. The Managed Expansion Program (MEP) rate structure that is proposed in this petition, which will be available to all potential customers who require a main extension to initiate service, will add a premium to the Company's regular distribution rates for a period of years. In effect, the MEP rate will allow the customer to pay most or all of the CIAC over time, making the conversion to natural gas more economical.
4. The testimony and schedules attached to this petition demonstrate that the MEP rates are just and reasonable and for the public good.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully requests that the Commission:

- A. Approve Liberty's request to amend its tariff to include the MEP rates as described in this filing; and
- B. Grant such other relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL
GAS) CORP. D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES



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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on April 14, 2016, a copy of this Petition has been provided to Donald Kreis, Esq., Consumer Advocate.



Date: April 14, 2016

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