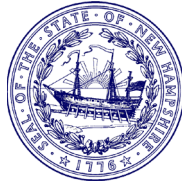


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October 21, 2021

Dianne Martin, Chairwoman
New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission
21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10
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Re: DG 21-132 Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Keene
Winter 2021-2022
*Joint Exhibit List, Joint Witness List, Department of Energy Exhibits, oral motion
for waiver at hearing*

Dear Chairwoman Martin:

Enclosed please find the parties' joint exhibit list for the purpose of identifying and numbering exhibits, as required by the hybrid hearing guidelines issued in this docket. The Department of Energy (Energy) agreed, with all parties' assent, to file the joint exhibit list, which includes exhibits identified by Liberty EnergyNorth and by Energy. The Office of Consumer Advocate has not identified any exhibits.

Energy has also agreed, with all parties' assent, to file a joint witness list, enclosed herewith. The list identifies Liberty Utilities Service Corp. employees as witnesses for Liberty-Keene. Energy and the Office of the Consumer Advocate have not identified any witnesses.

The Department of Energy has includes Energy's Exhibits 7-13 herewith, except that confidential attachments shall be served to counsel under separate cover.

The Department of Energy (Energy) reserves the right to identify additional witnesses and exhibits based upon EnergyNorth's response to Energy's technical data requests, set 1. EnergyNorth's responses filed October 21, 2021.

Energy has asked Liberty EnergyNorth to mark its red-lined updated petition, including attachments and schedules, as an exhibit. As of this filing, Liberty has not confirmed that it will file a red-lined updated version for reference at hearing.

At Monday's hearing, Energy will make an oral motion to ask the Commission to waive the hybrid filing deadline of 4:30 pm yesterday for the joint witness list, joint exhibit list and Energy's exhibits. Liberty Energy North assents to the relief requested

(waiver). Based upon information and belief, the Office of Consumer Advocate does not believe waiver is required.

Waiver is appropriate for the following reasons: Liberty EnergyNorth's technical session data set responses were served yesterday. There was also uncertainty about Liberty-Keene filing red-lined versions of its updated filings, ostensibly replacing the original filings made on September 15, 2021. Liberty-Keene provided witness names and exhibit list at approximately 12:45 p.m. Accordingly, Energy did not have time to make the hybrid hearing guideline filings required by 4:30 p.m.

Energy asserts that waiver will serve the public interest and that it will not disrupt the orderly and efficient resolution of matters before the commission. See NH Administrative Rule Puc 201.05. Waiver serves the public interest because yesterday's 4:30 p.m. deadline is inapplicable to responses filed so close in time to that deadline. In addition, this cost of gas proceeding is an expedited matter, requiring flexibility to put relevant evidence, already somewhat familiar to the parties, before the Commission. It would be onerous to exclude relevant information, already known to all parties, from the Commission's consideration in an expedited docket of this nature. It would be unfair to prohibit Liberty-Keene from introducing exhibits due to Energy's late filing.

Pursuant to the Commission's March 17, 2020 secretarial letter identifying temporary changes in Commission filing requirements due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, the enclosed exhibit list and witness list are only being filed electronically.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mary E. Schwarzer

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cc: Service List
Attachments

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. DG 21-132

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

Winter 2021/2022 Cost of Gas

Joint Exhibit List for Liberty-Keene’s October 25, 2021, Hearing

The parties may introduce the following exhibits at the October 25, 2021, hearing in the above matter: Liberty 1-6; Energy 7-12. Energy reserves the right to identify additional exhibits based upon Liberty-Keene’s October 21, 2021 tech session data responses.

Ex. No.	Date filed	Description
1	10/18/2021	<i>Confidential</i> Updated Direct Testimony of Deborah M. Gilbertson, Catherine A. McNamara, and David B. Simek, with Attachments and Proposed Tariff Pages
2	10/18/2021	<i>Redacted</i> Updated Direct Testimony of Deborah M. Gilbertson, Catherine A. McNamara, and David B. Simek, with Attachments and Proposed Tariff Pages
3	10/21/2021	<i>Confidential</i> 2021-2022 Winter Cost of Gas Model, Updated Response to PUC RR 1-1
4	10/21/2021	Summary of Changes in Exhibit 3, the Updated Cost of Gas Model
5	Left blank	Excerpts from Responses to OCA Set 1 Data Requests
6	Left blank	Excerpts from Responses to Energy Tech Session Set 1 Data Requests
7	10/21/21 w parties	Liberty-Keene’s responses to Energy Tech Session Set 1 Data Requests (Liberty-Keene has not redacted confidential information so redacted versions of confidential pages are not provided here. See Exhibit 8)
8	10/21/21 w parties	CONFIDENTIAL Liberty-Keene’s responses to Energy Tech Session Set 1 Data Requests
9	n/a	Energy Audit Division Audit of Winter 2020-2021 Reconciliation 10/13/21 and Addendum 10/20/21 (redacted in full) -- RDAF in Liberty-Keene from EnergyNorth
10	n/a	CONFIDENTIAL Energy Audit Division Audit of Winter 2020-21 Reconciliation 10/13/21 and Addendum 10/20/21
11	9/15/21	Liberty-Keene Petition as originally filed on September 15, 2021, including testimony, schedules and attachments
12	9/15/21	CONFIDENTIAL Liberty-Keene Petition as originally filed on September 15, 2021, including testimony, schedules and attachments. (“Confidential” per Liberty-Keene)
13	10/20/21	Email among parties counsel from Liberty EnergyNorth (MS) 10/20/21 8:14 p.m. with the first email from Energy counsel (MS) 8:23 a.m. (RDAF)

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Joint Witness List for October 25, 2021, Hearing on Liberty Keene Cost of Gas

The parties may call the following witnesses at the October 25, 2021, hearing in the above matter. All of them are employed by the Liberty Utilities Service Corp. (LUSC). Liberty EnergyNorth has identified all of them as testifying for Liberty. Witnesses Gilbertson, McNamara, and Simek submitted pre-filed testimony.

1. James Bonner,* Senior Financial Regulatory Analyst
2. Mary Casey, Environmental Program Manager
3. Matthew DeCoursey, Vice President, Rates and Regulatory Strategy
4. Deborah M. Gilbertson, Senior Manager of Energy Procurement
5. Catherine McNamara, Rates Analyst II, Rates & Regulatory Affairs
6. Steven Mullen,* Director, Rates and Regulatory Affairs
7. Erin O'Brien,* Director of Accounting for Liberty Utilities
8. David Simek, Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

*These witnesses were made available by Liberty-Keene at the request of the Department of Energy.

The Department of Energy and the Office of Consumer Affairs have not identified any witnesses.

The Department of Energy reserves the right to identify additional witnesses (and exhibits) based upon Liberty-Keene's responses to tech session data requests filed October 21, 2021.

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