STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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LIBERTY UTILITIES (ENERGYNORTH NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY-KEENE DIVISION

Winter 2024-2025 Cost of Gas

Order Finalizing Winter 2024-2025 Cost of Gas Rates

ORDER NO. 27,075

November 20, 2024

In Order No. 27,070, the Commission provisionally approved Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty-Keene Division's (Liberty Keene) proposed Winter 2024–2025 Cost of Gas (COG) rates. However, that order raised a concern with Liberty Keene's allocation of the compressed natural gas (CNG) demand charges between the summer and winter months, finding that the witnesses did not adequately explain the allocation in either their pre-filed or direct testimony. The Commission therefore withheld issuing final approval of the rates, and directed Liberty Keene to "submit a supplemental filing that either: (1) readjust[ed] its [proposed] COG rates; or (2) explain[ed] why the currently proposed [were] just and reasonable." See Order No. 27,070 at 3. On November 4, 2024, Liberty Keene submitted a technical statement from Alyssa E. Maston, a utility analyst with the company. After reviewing the technical statement, the Commission finds that the CNG allocation in Liberty Keene's initial petition was appropriate and consistent with the company's past practices. As this was the sole basis for finding the proposed rates provisional, the Commission now finalizes approval of Liberty Keene's 2024–2025 Winter COG rates.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, Liberty Keene's Winter 2024–2025 COG rates are APPROVED.

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> By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twentieth day of November 2024.

> > Chairman

Commissioner

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