

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

DG 24-042

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

Summer 2024 Cost of Gas

Prehearing Order

On March 27, 2024, the Commission held a prehearing conference in this matter pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Puc 203.15, which was attended by: Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty-Keene Division (Liberty-Keene), the New Hampshire Department of Energy (DOE), and the Office of the Consumer Advocate. During the prehearing conference, the Commission addressed matters that included the following:

1. Clarification of Issues Presented

During the prehearing conference, Liberty-Keene identified an error in the pre-filed testimony of its witnesses related to the price differential between propane and compressed natural gas. Liberty-Keene indicated that it would file revised testimony to correct that error and make note of the correction during the final hearing on April 19, 2024.

In addition, the DOE raised several issues that it intended to explore further during discovery in this docket, including:

- Liberty-Keene's request for guidance, which it made in Footnote 1 in the pre-filed testimony of its witnesses, related to its purchases of compressed natural gas under Section 7.1 of the Settlement Agreement approved in Docket No. DG 20-105;
- The Propane Stabilization Plan;

- Why Liberty-Keene's rates were increasing this year;
- Liberty-Keene's reported under-collection from the prior period; and
- Whether there are any lingering issues related to Liberty-Keene's conversion to the SAP system.

The DOE indicated that it did not intend to file a technical statement prior to the hearing regarding the cost-of-gas filing unless it identified an error or an issue with Liberty-Keene's submission.


2. Procedural Schedule & Discovery

In the Notice of Adjudicative Proceedings issued March 22, 2024, the Commission approved the assented-to procedural scheduled contained in Liberty-Keene's March 14, 2024 cover letter.

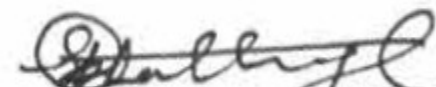
3. Final Hearing Date(s) and Amount of Time Required

In the Notice of Adjudicative Proceedings issued March 22, 2024, the Commission scheduled the final hearing on April 19, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.


So ordered, this seventeenth day of April, 2024.



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