

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

Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty
Updated Property Tax Adjustment Mechanism Filing

Docket No. DG 21-128

Technical Statement of David B. Simek

October 6, 2021

A. Purpose of Technical Statement.

The purpose of this technical statement is to make the Commission aware of the changes made in the updated Property Tax Adjustment Mechanism filing from the original filing that was made on September 2, 2021.

B. Changes made in the updated filing in Docket No. DG 21-128

- The Company reduced the amount of the proposed total revenue increase by \$4,794 based on the Department of Energy Audit Staff's recommendation in their final audit report. This adjustment reduced the total proposed revenue increase from \$1,977,461 to \$1,972,667. Please see Attachment DBS-6 for a copy of the final audit report.
- The Company reduced the amount of the proposed distribution revenue increase by \$29,161 since this amount is the calculated additional LDAC revenue from the Gas Assistance Program ("GAP") the Company will receive if base rates are increased to collect an additional \$1,943,506 in distribution revenue. This adjustment did not change the total proposed revenue increase of \$1,972,667 but it recognized that \$29,161 of that increase would come from GAP LDAC revenues and the remaining \$1,943,506 would come from a base distribution rate increase. The supporting calculation for the \$29,161 is provided in Attachment DBS-5.
- The Company updated the billing determinants used to calculate the proposed rates (see Updated Attachment DBS-3). The original filing used calendar year 2019 billing determinants and the revised filing uses 2020 calendar year billing determinants. This change is in conformance with the approved Settlement Agreement in Docket No. DG 20-105, Liberty's recent rate case.
- The Company is adding the incremental revenue per customer in Attachment DBS-7. The incremental revenue per customer model is also being provided in Backup to Attachment DBS-7.xlsx. Providing the incremental revenue per customer is also in conformance with the DG 20-105 Settlement Agreement. The rates calculated in

Updated Attachment DBS-3 were used to determine the incremental revenue per customer.

- Updated proposed clean and redline tariff pages are included in Attachment DBS-8.
- The Company updated some attachment titles and headers for clarity.

C. Customer Impact.

The projected total bill annual increase for a typical residential heating customer is projected to be \$8.98 or 0.81%. The originally filed increase was \$0.02 higher at \$9.00 or \$0.81%