

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**DG 25-062**

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

**Winter 2025/2026 Cost of Gas**

**COMMENCEMENT OF ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING  
AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

On September 10, 2025, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty-Keene Division (Liberty Keene or Company) submitted its Winter 2025–2026 Cost of Gas (COG) filing for rates effective November 1, 2025. In support of its petition, Liberty Keene submitted the pre-filed direct testimony of its employees Sarah B. Grant, Robert Garcia, and Adam R.M. Yusuf (Joint Testimony), supporting schedules, and revised tariff pages reflecting the proposed changes. All docket filings, other than any information subject to confidential treatment, are available on the Commission’s website at [puc.nh.gov/VirtualFileRoom/Docket.aspx?DocketNumber=DG 25-062](https://puc.nh.gov/VirtualFileRoom/Docket.aspx?DocketNumber=DG 25-062).

**I. BACKGROUND AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

In its filing, Liberty Keene has proposed a winter 2025—2026 non-fixed price option (Non-FPO) COG rate of \$1.5399 per therm for residential customers, which is a \$0.0926 or 6 percent increase from the winter 2024-2025 rates. Joint Testimony at 13. The Company proposed a fixed-price option (FPO) rate of \$1.5599 per therm for residential customers, which is a \$0.0021 or less than 1 percent decrease from the winter 2024–2025 rates. *Id.* Liberty Keene stated that the main reason for these projected changes is the CNG cost projections being offset by lower propane costs and accounting adjustments. *Id.*

## **II. ISSUES PRESENTED**

The filing presents, *inter alia*, issues related to RSA 374:22, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7, including: the justness of and reasonableness of rates, fares, and charges; the forecasting of sales, supplier prices, and transportation prices; weather normalization; operational issues; purchasing decisions related to current and past supplies; cost and revenue projections; the revenue and rate impacts resulting from the proposed rate change; and the calculation of per therm costs. Accordingly, an adjudicative proceeding will be convened to address these issues.

The Commission will be conducting the prehearing conference and any hearings scheduled in this matter in person. The Commission will consider requests to conduct hearings using a hybrid format to permit remote participation by a specific individual only if the Commission has determined that a sufficient reason has been provided for why that individual would be unable to attend in person. Any party requesting that a specific individual be permitted to participate remotely should file a written request with the Commission's Clerk's Office no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the prehearing conference or hearing date. If the Commission determines that one or more individuals will be permitted to appear remotely, then individuals in the Commission's hearing room, including the Commissioners, will be broadcast on a web-enabled platform.

### **Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby**

**ORDERED**, that an adjudicative proceeding be commenced for the purpose of reviewing and resolving the foregoing issues pursuant to RSA chapter 541-A, RSA 374:22, RSA 378:5, and RSA 378:7, and the Commission's procedural rules; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the Commission will hold a hearing in this matter at its offices located at 21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire, on October 22, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that the New Hampshire Department of Energy is requested to file its position regarding Liberty Keene's petition, including the reasons for this position, on or before October 17, 2025; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any entity or individual may petition to intervene and seek to be admitted as a party in this proceeding. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that, consistent with RSA 541-A:32, Puc 204.08, and Puc 203.06, any entity or individual seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall file with the Commission a petition to intervene with copies sent to Liberty Keene and any other parties on the service list, on or before October 7, 2025. The petition shall state the facts demonstrating how the petitioner's rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other substantial interests may be affected by the proceeding, consistent with Puc 204.08; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before October 17, 2025; and it is


**FURTHER ORDERED**, that parties shall file any proposed exhibits, written testimony, motions, or other documents intended to become part of the record in this proceeding with the Commission in accordance with the Commission's administrative rules. Parties may elect to submit any filing in electronic form unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. Filings will be considered filed as of the time the electronic copy is received by the Commission; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that routine procedural inquiries may be made by contacting the Commission's Clerk's Office at (603) 271-2431 or [ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov](mailto:ClerksOffice@puc.nh.gov). All requests to the Commission should be made in a written pleading filed with the Commission. Unless otherwise authorized by law, *ex parte* communications are prohibited; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to Puc 204.04, Liberty Keene shall notify all entities and individuals desiring to be heard at this hearing by publishing a copy of this order of notice on its website no later than two business days after the date of issue, such publication to be documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before September 24, 2025. In addition, the Clerk shall publish this order of notice on the Commission's website no later than two business days after the date of issue; and it is

**FURTHER ORDERED**, that any hearings in this matter shall be conducted in accordance with the attached hearing guidelines.

So ordered, this seventeenth day of September 2025.

  
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Mark W. Dell'Orfano  
Chairman  
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Pradip K. Chattopadhyay  
Commissioner

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