



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 18-GAF-P6

September 12, 2018

Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2018/19 peak local distribution adjustment factor and gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2018.

On August 3, 2018, Liberty Utilities (“Company” or “Liberty”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its seasonal local distribution adjustment factor filing (“LDAF”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.11. The filing includes the residential assistance adjustment factor (“RAAF”), remediation adjustment factor (“RAF”), attorney general consultant expense factor (“AGCEF”), energy efficiency surcharge (“EES”),¹ and pension adjustment factor (“PAF”). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2018. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 18-GAF-P6.

The table below summarizes the proposed rates in dollars per therm:

<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>RAAF</u>	<u>RAF</u>	<u>PAF</u>	<u>EES</u>	<u>AGCEF</u>	<u>LDAF²</u>
Residential	0.0535	0.0516	0.0371	0.0882	0.0007	0.2969
Low Load C&I	0.0432	0.0417	0.0219	0.0546	0.0005	0.2085
High Load C&I	0.0263	0.0254	0.0114	0.0546	0.0003	0.1548

If the Department approves the Company’s LDAFs as proposed, a typical residential customer will see an average monthly decrease of \$1.85, or 1.04 percent, compared to the

¹ The Company has proposed EESs for effect November 1st using the most recent estimate of its Three-Year Plan budget for program year 2019. 2016-2018 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plans Order, D.P.U. 15-160 through D.P.U. 15-169, at 113-114 (2016). The Department will review the proposed budgets during its investigation of the 2019-2021 Three-Year Plans, which must be filed on or before October 31, 2018.

² The LDAF rate contains additional components not set forth in the table.

LDAFs currently in effect. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Company will file its peak gas adjustment factor filing (“GAF”) in this docket at least 45 days prior to the date on which the proposed GAFs are to be effective. The Company is required to file its peak GAF filing no later than September 17, 2018. Liberty may, at any time during the peak period, submit an amended GAF filing. The amended GAF filing must be submitted seven business days before the first billing cycle of the month in which it is proposed to take effect.

Any person interested in commenting on the **LDAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 26, 2018**. Any person interested in commenting on the **GAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on **Monday, October 1, 2018**. . One original and one (1) copy of all written documents must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. In addition, one (1) copy of all written documents must be sent to counsel for the Company, Ronald Ritchie, Liberty Utilities, 36 Fifth St., P.O. Box 911, Fall River, MA 02722.

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to dpu.efiling@mass.gov and the hearing officer, Stephen Bright at Stephen.Bright@mass.gov; or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 18-GAF-P6); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department’s website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Copies of the filing are available for inspection during regular business hours at the offices of the Department, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. The petition is also available on the Department’s website and may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 18-GAF-P6) in the file room at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom>.

To request materials in accessible formats (braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov or 617-305-3642. For further information regarding the filing, please contact the counsel for the Company, Ronald Ritchie at (774) 627-2910. For further information regarding this notice, please contact Stephen Bright, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3500.