



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING

D.P.U. 18-68

August 22, 2018

Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities for review and approval of its five-year Forecast and Supply Plan for the period 2018/2019 through 2022/2023.

On July 9, 2018, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“Company”), filed a petition with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) for approval of the Company’s Long-Range Forecast and Supply Plan (“Plan”) for the five-year forecast period 2018/2019 through 2022/2023. Pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 69I, the Department must ensure a necessary energy supply for the Commonwealth at the lowest possible cost. Accordingly, the Department will review the Company’s Plan to ensure that the forecast accurately projects the gas sendout requirements of the utility’s market area. The Department docketed this matter as D.P.U. 18-68.

The Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (“Attorney General”) filed a notice to intervene in this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(a). Further, pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the Attorney General filed a notice of intent to retain experts and consultants (“notice of retention of experts”) to assist in her investigation of the Company’s filing, and has requested Department approval to spend up to \$150,000 in this regard. Pursuant to G.L. c. 12, § 11E(b), the costs incurred by the Attorney General relative to her retention of experts and consultants may be recovered in the Company’s rates. Any person who desires to comment on the Attorney General’s notice of retention of experts may submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**.

Copies of the Company’s petition and accompanying exhibits and the Attorney General’s notice to intervene and notice of retention of experts are available for public viewing during regular business hours at the Department’s offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110 and on the Department’s website at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. Documents on the Department’s website may be accessed by docket number (D.P.U. 18-68) in the file room at <http://web1.env.state.ma.us/DPU/FileRoom/dockets/bynumber>.

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Company's petition on **Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 2:00 p.m.** at the Department's offices, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. Any person who desires to comment may do so at the time and place noted above or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Wednesday, September 12, 2018**. A procedural conference will immediately follow the public hearing.

Any person who desires to participate in the evidentiary phase of this proceeding must file a written petition for leave to intervene with the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Tuesday, September 11, 2018**. A petition for leave to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 CMR 1.03. Receipt by the Department, not mailing, constitutes filing and determines whether a petition has been timely filed. A petition filed late may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for waiver under 220 CMR 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 CMR 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

An original hard copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, 5th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. One copy of all comments or petitions to intervene must also be sent to: (1) Gregory Wade, Hearing Officer at the Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; (2) the Company's attorney, Steven Frias, Esq., Keegan Werlin LLP, 99 High Street, Suite 2900, Boston, Massachusetts 02110; and (3) the Attorney General's Office, Joseph Dorfler, Esq. and William Stevens, Jr., Esq., Office of the Attorney General, One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108.

All documents must 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 to the Hearing Officer, Gregory Wade, greggory.wade@mass.gov, or (2) on a CD-ROM. The text of the e-mail or CD-ROM must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 18-68); (2) the name of the person or company submitting the filing; and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document. The electronic filing must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. All documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's website: <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>.

Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing should contact Steven Frias, Esq. at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Gregory Wade, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at (617) 305-3605.