



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 22-OGAF-LIB

March 25, 2022

Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.00 for approval of its 2022 off-peak gas adjustment factor filing, effective May 1, 2022.

On March 18, 2022, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Company” or “Liberty”) filed with the Department of Public Utilities (“Department”) its off-peak gas adjustment factors (“GAFs”), pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.00. The filing includes the Company’s off-peak GAF for effect May 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022, as well as the reconciliation of its 2021 off-peak period gas costs. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 22-OGAF-LIB.

For its Fall River/North Attleboro service area, the Company submitted a proposed off-peak GAF of \$0.5225 per therm for all customers. If the Department approves the Company’s GAF as proposed, a typical residential heating (R-3) customer in the Company’s Fall River/North Attleboro service area will see an average monthly bill increase of \$8.60 per month, or 20.17 percent, compared to the 2021 off-peak period.

For its Blackstone service area, the Company submitted a proposed off-peak GAF of \$0.6479 per therm for all customers. If the Department approves the Company’s GAF as proposed, a typical residential heating (R-3) customer in the Company’s Blackstone service area will see an average monthly bill increase of \$3.56 per month, or 8.38 percent, compared to the 2021 off-peak period. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

Liberty may, at any time during the off-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 filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on Friday, April 8, 2022. At this time, all filings will be submitted only in electronic format consistent with the Commission’s June 15, 2021 directive related to modified filing requirements. Ordinarily, all parties would follow Sections B.1 and B.4 of the Department’s Standard Ground Rules (D.P.U. 15-184-A, App. 1 (March 4, 2020)); however, until further notice, parties must retain the original paper version and the Department will later determine when the paper version must be filed with the Department Secretary. Importantly, all large files submitted must be broken down into electronic files that do not exceed 20 MB. In

addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Ronald Ritchie, Esq. at [r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com](mailto:r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com).

All documents should also be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Christine.Dowling2@mass.gov](mailto:Christine.Dowling2@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 22-OGAF-LIB); (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 as soon as practicable at <http://www.mass.gov/dpu>. The e-mail must also include the name, title, and telephone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. To the extent a person or entity wishes to submit comments in accordance with this Notice, electronic submission, as detailed above, is sufficient. To request materials in accessible formats (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), contact the Department's ADA Coordinator at [DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us](mailto:DPUADACoordinator@state.ma.us) .

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents, pleadings and/or filings submitted to the Department and/or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as soon as is practicable at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber> (enter "22-OGAF-LIB"). A paper copy of the filing will not be available for public viewing at the Company's offices or the Department's office at this time. Any person desiring further information regarding the Company's filing or a paper copy of the filing should contact Ronald Ritchie, Esq. at [r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com](mailto:r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com). For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Christine Dowling, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Christine.Dowling2@mass.gov](mailto:Christine.Dowling2@mass.gov) .