

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

### NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

D.P.U. 25-PGAF-LIB

August 25, 2025

Petition of Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty pursuant to G.L. c. 164 and 220 CMR 6.04, 6.11 for approval of its 2025/2026 local distribution adjustment factor and peak gas adjustment factor filings, effective November 1, 2025.

On August 1, 2025, Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Company") 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. These filings include the residential assistance adjustment factor ("RAAF"), remediation adjustment factor ("RAF"), Attorney General consultant expense factor ("AGCEF"), energy efficiency surcharge ("EES"), and pension adjustment factor ("PAF"). The proposed rates are for effect November 1, 2025. The proposed LDAFs also include the gas system enhancement adjustment factor ("GSEAF") that was approved in Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., D.P.U. 24-GSEP-04 (April 30, 2025), for effect May 1, 2025. The Department has docketed this petition as D.P.U. 25-PGAF-LIB.

The tables below summarize the proposed rates in dollars per therm:

<u>Fall River/North Attleboro Service Area</u>		<u>Blackstone Service Area</u>	
<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>LDAF</u>	<u>Rate Class</u>	<u>LDAF</u>
Residential	\$0.7505	Residential	\$0.3728
Low Load C&I	\$0.5283	Low Load C&I	\$0.2800
High Load C&I	\$0.4450	High Load C&I	\$0.2474

The Company proposes an EES of 0.2556 for residential customers and 0.1806 for C&I customers for both service areas. If the Department approves the Company's LDAFs as proposed, a typical residential heating customer in the Company's Fall River and North Attleboro service area will see an **average winter monthly bill increase of \$3.57, or 1.47 percent**, compared to the average LDAF in effect during the 2024/2025 winter season. A typical residential heating customer in the Company's Blackstone service area will see an **average winter monthly bill decrease of \$2.18, or 1.18 percent**, compared to the average LDAF in effect during the 2024/2025 winter season. For specific bill impacts, please contact the Company as shown below.

The Company is required to file its peak gas adjustment factor ("GAF") filing in this docket no later than September 17, 2025, at least 45 days prior to the date on which the proposed GAFs are to be effective (November 1, 2025). The Company 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 **Friday, September 19, 2025**. Any person interested in commenting on the **GAF** filing may submit written comments no later than the close of business on **Friday, October 3, 2025**.

Written comments from the public may be sent by email to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov), Mathieu Cunha, at [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov), and the Company's attorney, Ronald J Ritchie, Esq., at [r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com](mailto:r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com). Please note that in the interest of transparency any comments will be posted to our website as received and without redacting personal information, such as addresses, telephone numbers, or email addresses. As such, consider the extent of information you wish to share when submitting comments. The Department strongly encourages public comments to be submitted by email. If, however, a member of the public is unable to send written comments by email, a paper copy may be sent to Mark D. Marini, Secretary, Department of Public Utilities, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts, 02110.

All documents should be submitted to the Department in PDF format by e-mail attachment to [dpu.efiling@mass.gov](mailto:dpu.efiling@mass.gov) and [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov). The text of the e-mail must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.P.U. 25-PGAF-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 online [File Room](#) (enter "25-PGAF-LIB" on the line for Docket No.). In addition, one copy of all written comments should be emailed to the Company's attorney, Ronald J Ritchie, Esq., at [r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com](mailto:r.j.ritchie@libertyutilities.com).

The Company's filing and all subsequent related documents submitted to the Department or issued by the Department will be available on the Department's website as referenced above as soon as is practicable. 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 [ceadiversity@mass.gov](mailto:ceadiversity@mass.gov) or (617) 626-1282.

For further information regarding the Company's filing please contact the Company's attorney, identified above. For further information regarding this Notice, please contact Mathieu Cunha, Hearing Officer, Department of Public Utilities, at [Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov](mailto:Mathieu.Cunha@mass.gov).

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### English

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### 简体中文 (Simplified Chinese)

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### Русский (Russian)

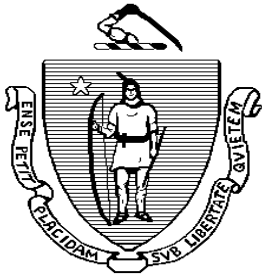
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### 한국어 (Korean)

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Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Company") is required to serve a copy of the attached Notice of Filing and Request for Comments no later than **August 29, 2025**, on: (1) the service lists for Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., D.P.U. 25-OGAF-LIB, and Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., D.P.U. 24-PGAF-LIB; (2) the Attorney General of the Commonwealth; and (3) on any person who has asked to be notified by the Company. The Company's service may be by electronic distribution, which the Department finds reasonable and consistent with the public interest.

The Company shall prominently display the notice on its website from three business days following receipt of the notice from the Department through the end of the comment period. The Company must make return of service at the close of the comment period.

By Order of the Department,

/s/  
Mark D. Marini, Secretary