

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

Docket No. DG 26-037

**Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp.
d/b/a Liberty**

Request for Change in Rates

**PETITION FOR INTERVENTION BY THE HONORABLE
CONGRESSWOMAN MAGGIE GOODLANDER**

Pursuant to the Commission Order of Notice dated August 17, 2026, and in accordance with RSA 541-A:32, Puc 204.08, and Puc 203.06, I, Maggie Goodlander, Member of Congress for New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, hereby petition to intervene in the above-captioned docket. In this docket, Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty") requests changes to the Company's permanent rates that will increase operating revenues by \$35,812,259, adjustments to its capital investments, revisions to its revenue decoupling mechanism, changes to various customer programs, and the discontinuation of restrictions on recovery of compressed natural gas costs. In support of this petition, I state the following:

1. I serve as the duly elected Member of Congress representing New Hampshire's Second Congressional District. In my official capacity, I have a responsibility to represent the interests of my constituents, including Liberty ratepayers, and to advocate on their behalf on matters affecting their economic well-being. My participation in this proceeding is intended to ensure that the experiences and concerns of the New Hampshire constituents I represent are heard and considered as the Commission evaluates Liberty's requested rate increase.

2. In my capacity as a Member of Congress, I have used my oversight authority to scrutinize Liberty Utilities (EnergyNorth Natural Gas) Corp., specifically relating to Liberty's policy to

refuse new natural gas connections in Tilton, Franklin, and surrounding communities, described by the company as a “moratorium.” On April 7, 2026, I convened a meeting of impacted stakeholders to evaluate the impacts of this moratorium and to better understand the nature, scope, and expected path to resolution. Following that convening, I wrote an oversight letter to Liberty, dated June 11, 2026, requesting responses to a series of interrogatories regarding the nature, scope, and proposed remedies. Liberty responded on June 25, 2026; however, the Company’s response was incomplete and substantial questions remain unanswered regarding the Company’s failure to serve its customers in the Lakes Region. My involvement in these issues has been informed directly by engagement with constituents, local stakeholders, businesses, and communities affected by Liberty’s decisions. It is that direct, documented engagement and knowledge of their experiences, and the consequences these decisions have for families and communities across the district, that will inform my continued advocacy on this matter.

3. This proceeding will directly implicate the unresolved questions raised by my oversight work, including the need to robustly scrutinize the terms and conditions on which Liberty provides service to its ratepayers, including my constituents. As set forth in the Order of Notice, the Commission will review Liberty’s request for changes in rates, including issues related to the Company’s capital investments and the recovery of those costs from ratepayers. Those questions have direct consequences for the constituents I represent, both in terms of what they pay for essential energy services and whether Liberty is making the investments necessary to serve their communities reliably. Whether and how Liberty proposes to recover the costs of certain infrastructure investments, and what ratepayers in the affected communities in my district will bear, is squarely before the Commission in this docket and is a substantial interest of my constituents that may be directly affected by this proceeding’s outcome. The issues before the

Commission therefore overlap substantially with concerns constituents have raised with my office and with the oversight work I have already undertaken on their behalf.

4. Affordable, reliable energy is also an issue on which I have worked at the federal level, including through my work on energy costs and consumer protection. Energy costs, including natural gas costs, remain a significant concern for New Hampshire families and businesses, particularly as the heating season approaches. Federal energy policy and broader energy-market conditions can directly affect the costs borne by New Hampshire consumers, while decisions by regulated utilities regarding investment, planning, and operations determine how those pressures ultimately affect ratepayers. My participation in this proceeding is therefore informed both by my longstanding work on federal energy and consumer protection matters and, most importantly, by my direct engagement with the New Hampshire constituents affected by Liberty's rates and service.

5. My interest in this proceeding is a substantial interest within the meaning of RSA 541-A:32, I(b) that may be affected by the Commission's determinations regarding Liberty's capital investment and cost recovery. No other party to this docket has undertaken the oversight described above or represents the specific, documented concerns of the constituents and communities I have already investigated, nor is any other party charged with safeguarding the economic well-being of my constituents in questions of how much the affected communities will be asked to bear; their interests are therefore not adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding.

6. My participation will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding. I do not intend to duplicate the positions of any other party.

7. I recognize that the authority and responsibility to evaluate Liberty's rate request and make the final determination in this proceeding rest with the Commission. I seek to participate not to supplant that regulatory process, but to ensure that the interests, experiences, and concerns of the constituents I represent are fully presented as the Commission considers Liberty's request.

WHEREFORE, in my official capacity as the Member of Congress representing New Hampshire's 2nd Congressional District, and for the purpose of advocating for the interests of the constituents I represent, I respectfully request that I be granted full intervenor status in this proceeding.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 31st day of August, 2026, a copy of the foregoing was sent by electronic mail to persons named on the Service List of this docket pursuant to PUC 203.06 by:

/s/

Cole Davis Cerabona