

NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF an application by Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP for approval of its 2021 regulatory financial statements, for approval to change its distribution rates effective July 1, 2023, for approval of a Revenue Decoupling variance account, approval of full inclusion of Liberty's corporate allocations and approval of amounts related to Liberty's LICS Rate Class Variance Account, amounts related to Liberty's SEUF Fees Variance Account; amounts related to Liberty's Revenue Requirement True-Up Variance Account, as well as approval to use this variance account for the 2023 test year.

ORDER

WHEREAS Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP (Liberty Utilities) has applied to the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board (Board) for approval of its 2021 Regulatory Financial Statements;

AND WHEREAS Liberty Utilities is also seeking approval to change its distribution rates effective July 1, 2023;

AND WHEREAS Liberty Utilities is also seeking approval of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, including a Weather Normalization Adjustment;

AND WHEREAS Liberty Utilities is also seeking approval of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism Variance Account;

AND WHEREAS Liberty Utilities is also seeking approval of full inclusion of its corporate allocations; and

AND WHEREAS Liberty Utilities is also seeking approval of amounts related to its Large Industrial Contract Service Rate Class Variance Account, its Payments from Natural Gas Distribution Fund Variance Account; its Revenue Requirement True-Up Variance Account, as well as approval to use this variance account for the 2023 test year.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Board will hold a Pre-Hearing Conference, for this Matter, by video conferencing, on **Wednesday, April 5, 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m.** Interested parties may attend and make representations about the procedure to be followed and any other relevant matters. Guidelines for the video conferencing will be provided to all parties 48 hours prior to the scheduled Pre-Hearing Conference.
2. Parties who intend to intervene should register by visiting the *Rules of Procedure* section of the Board's website at www.nbeub.ca and complete the "Intervener Request" form. The form should be completed and filed with the Board no later than Friday, March 31, at general@nbeub.ca. Parties are to indicate the official language in which they wish to be heard.
3. Board Staff shall be publish Notice in either the English or French language, as may be appropriate having regard to the principal language of publication, once in each of the following newspapers on or before Wednesday, March 15, 2023:
 - The Telegraph Journal
 - L'Acadie Nouvelle
4. A copy of the Notice, attached hereto and marked "A", is to be provided by Liberty Utilities to:
 - (i) each certified gas marketer;
 - (ii) all parties involved in Liberty Utilities' 2022 Rate Application and Liberty Utilities' Application for Approval of its 2020 Regulatory Financial Statements (Matter No. 494); and
 - (iii) anyone who requests it.
5. A copy of the Notice, attached hereto and marked "A", is also to be available on Liberty Utility's website at <http://www.naturalgasnb.com> and Liberty's Social Media accounts by no later than Friday, March 17, 2023.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 15th day of March, 2023.

BY THE BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kathleen Mitchell
Chief Clerk

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