



Schedule 3.2 – 2023 Budget – REDACTED

April 15, 2024

Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick)
Budgeted Balance Sheet for Regulatory Purposes
For the year ended December 31, 2023

1	Notice to Reader: Subject to review by the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board		
2			
3	(In thousands of dollars)		
4			
5	Assets		<u>2023</u>
6			
7	Regulated Assets		
8	Property, Plant and Equipment	(Note 2)	
9	Gas Distributor Plant in Service - Net		\$ 199,463
10	Construction Work in Progress - Gas Distributor Plant		<u>1,210</u>
11	Total Property, Plant and Equipment		<u>200,673</u>
12			
13	Intangible Software - Net	(Note 3)	11,646
14			
15	Development O&M Capitalized Costs - Net	(Note 4)	69,278
16			
17	Short term Investments		-
18			
19	Total Regulated Rate Base Assets		<u>281,596</u>
20			
21	Other Regulated Assets	(Note 5)	47,044
22			
23	Total Regulated Assets		<u>328,640</u>
24			
25	Regulatory Deferral	(Note 1)	120,667
26			
27	Total Assets		<u><u>\$ 449,307</u></u>
28			
29	Liabilities and Partner's Equity		
30			
31	Partner's Equity (Rate Base)	(Note 1)	\$ 161,074
32			
33	Long-term Advances from Associates and Affiliates	(Note 6)	155,000
34			
35	Other Regulated Liabilities	(Note 7)	12,566
36			
37			<u>328,640</u>
38			
39	Partner's Equity (Regulatory Deferral)		120,667
40			
41	Total Liabilities and Partner's Equity		<u><u>\$ 449,307</u></u>
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43	Financial Statement Effects of Rate Regulation and Legislative Changes - Note 1		
44	Rate Base for Regulatory Purposes - Note 12		
45	Capital Structure for Regulatory Purposes - Note 13		



Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick)
Statement of Budgeted Income for Regulatory Purposes
For the year ended December 31, 2023

1	Notice to Reader: Subject to review by the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board		
2			
3	(In thousands of dollars)		
4			2023
5	Revenue		
6	Operating Revenue	(Note 8)	
7	Gas Distribution		\$ 47,161
8	Miscellaneous		2,346
9	Allowance for Funds Used During Construction		<u>12</u>
10			49,518
11	Service and Inspection		
12	Revenue		1,559
13	Cost of Goods Sold		<u>(1,404)</u>
14			155
15			
16	Total Revenue		<u>49,674</u>
17			
18	Expenses		
19	Operating Expenses		
20	Operating and Maintenance	(Note 9)	12,570
21	Other Expense		17
22	Bad Debt		205
23			
24	Amortization of Property, Plant and Equipment		7,391
25			
26	Municipal and Other Taxes		1,268
27			
28	Interest on Amounts Due to Associates and Affiliates and Other Interest	(Note 10)	5,126
29			
30	Amortization of Development O&M Capitalized Costs		2,793
31			
32	Amortization of Intangible Software		607
33			
34	Amortization of Regulatory Deferral Account		3,846
35			
36	Total Expenses		<u>33,824</u>
37			
38	Income before Extraordinary Items, Regulatory Deferral and Return on Rate Base		15,850
39			
40	Amortization of Ratepayer Variance Accounts		1,416
41			
42	Net Income Before Income Tax		<u>14,434</u>
43			
44	Income Tax Expense		2,036
45			
46	Net Income		<u>\$ 12,399</u>
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48	Regulated Return on Equity	(Note 11)	<u>\$ 12,399</u>



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Notes to 2023 Budgeted Regulatory Financial Results
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1 Note 1 Financial Statement Effect of rate regulation and Legislative Changes

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3 The Public Utility's primary business activities are subject to regulation by the New Brunswick Energy and Utilities Board
 4 (EUB). The Public Utility follows accounting practices prescribed by its regulator or stipulated in approved ratemaking
 5 decisions that are subject to examination and approval by the EUB and are similar to those being used by other enterprises in
 6 the gas distribution industry in Canada. Accordingly, the timing and recognition of certain revenues and expenses may differ
 7 from that otherwise expected under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) applicable to non-regulated operations.
 8 The ultimate recoverability of costs incurred is dependent upon the approval of the EUB.

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10 In years prior to its acquisition by Liberty Utilities (Canada) LP, Enbridge Gas New Brunswick Limited Partnership had
 11 discontinued the application of regulatory accounting under the principles of U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)
 12 ASC Topic 980, Regulated Operations (ASC 980) due to uncertainty around the collectability in rates of certain costs. Based on
 13 an analysis performed on acquisition, Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP concluded that the regulatory environment had
 14 evolved to a point where the criteria for regulatory accounting would be met going forward as of October 1, 2019. As a result,
 15 regulatory assets and liabilities are reflected in the GAAP financial statements.

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17 Rate regulation creates differences between the manner in which the Public Utility accounts for transactions or events and
 18 how they would be accounted for if the Public Utility was not subject to rate regulation. The differences in accounting
 19 treatment include:

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21 The EUB permits an "allowance for funds used during construction" (AFUDC) to be included in the rate base. In addition, AFUDC
 22 is included in the cost of property, plant and equipment and is depreciated over future periods as part of the total cost of the
 23 related asset, based on the expectation that depreciation expense, including the AFUDC component, will be approved for
 24 inclusion in future rates. AFUDC for rate-regulated entities includes both an interest component and a cost of equity
 25 component. In the absence of rate regulation, GAAP would permit the capitalization of only the interest component.
 26 Therefore, the initial set up of the equity component as a capitalized asset and the corresponding revenue recognized during
 27 the construction phase would not be recognized nor would the subsequent depreciation of the asset.

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29 As prescribed by the EUB, the Public Utility does not recognize gains and losses on the sale of Liberty Utility Gas (LUG) in the
 30 statement of income and uses a purchase gas variance account to defer the gain or loss on sale. Non-regulated enterprises
 31 would normally account for the gain or loss in the statement of income or comprehensive income.

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33 On December 16, 2016, the Government of New Brunswick enacted amendments to the Gas Distribution Act, 1999. The
 34 General Franchise Agreement was extended for an additional 25 years with an additional 25 year option. The new legislation
 35 modifies the current approach to setting rates from a combination of cost of service and market based rates to a cost of
 36 service approach only. The regulatory deferral account was reduced to \$144.5 million with \$100 million to be included in
 37 revenue requirement over 26 years commencing on January 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2045. The remaining
 38 regulatory deferral account balance is to be recovered as authorized by the EUB.

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	2023			
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Rates of Amortization
42 Regulatory Deferral Account, Allowed by Legislation	\$ 100,000	\$ (15,385)	\$ 84,615	3.85%
43 Regulatory Deferral Account	36,052	-	36,052	0.00%
44 Total Regulatory Deferral Account, Net	<u>\$ 136,052</u>	<u>\$ (15,385)</u>	<u>\$ 120,667</u>	

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1 (In thousands of dollars)

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3 **Note 2 Property, Plant & Equipment**

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		2023			
		Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Rates of Amortization
5					
6					
7	General plant				
8	Computer hardware	\$ 1,360	\$ (458)	\$ 902	8.87%
9	Tools and work equipment	663	(333)	330	14.53%
10	Office furniture and equipment	344	(227)	118	6.41%
11	Transportation	2,788	(955)	1,833	6.32%
12	Incentives	2,861	(1,227)	1,633	20.00%
13	Leasehold improvements	655	(188)	468	20.00%
14	Subtotal	<u>8,672</u>	<u>(3,388)</u>	<u>5,284</u>	
15					
16	Distribution plant				
17	Land	406	-	406	0.00%
18	Rights of way and easements	189	-	189	0.00%
19	Distribution mains	148,191	(45,178)	103,012	1.64%
20	Street services	86,534	(24,416)	62,118	1.74%
21	Meters and regulators	26,450	(7,995)	18,456	7.63%
22	Stations	19,881	(9,883)	9,998	2.82%
23	Subtotal	<u>281,651</u>	<u>(87,472)</u>	<u>194,179</u>	
24					
25	Total plant in service	290,323	(90,860)	199,463	
26					
27	Construction work in progress	1,210		1,210	
28					
29	Total property, plant & equipment	<u>\$ 291,533</u>	<u>\$ (90,860)</u>	<u>\$ 200,672</u>	



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3 **Note 3 Intangible Software**

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	2023			
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Rates of Amortization
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7				
8 Intangible Software	\$ 13,024	\$ (1,378)	\$ 11,646	4.96%
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10 Total Intangible Software, Net	<u>\$ 13,024</u>	<u>\$ (1,378)</u>	<u>\$ 11,646</u>	

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12 **Note 4 Development O&M Capitalized Costs**

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	2023			
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Book Value	Rates of Amortization
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16				
17 Development O&M Capitalized Costs	\$ 114,952	\$ (45,675)	\$ 69,278	2.43%
18				
19 Development O&M Capitalized Costs, Net	<u>\$ 114,952</u>	<u>\$ (45,675)</u>	<u>\$ 69,278</u>	



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3 **Note 5** Other Regulated Assets

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6 Cash

2023

\$ 22,906

7 Accounts Receivable

19,912

8 Prepaid

611

9 Inventory

1,510

10 Right-of-use Asset

1,469

11 Other Long-term Asset

635

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14 **Total Other Regulated Assets**

\$ 47,044



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3 **Note 6 Long-term Advances from Associates and Affiliates**

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	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Amount	2023 Cost of Debt			
				LUC	LUGNB	Regulated	
6							
7	Promissory Note	Apr 01, 2020	Feb 14, 2050	\$ 155,000	3.315%	3.315%	3.315%
8							
9	Total long-term advances						
10	from associates and affiliates			<u>\$ 155,000</u>	<u>3.315%</u>	<u>3.315%</u>	<u>3.315%</u>



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1	(In thousands of dollars)	
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3	Note 7 Other Regulated Liabilities	
4		<u>2023</u>
5		
6		
7	Accounts Payable	\$ 10,089
8	Lease liability	1,469
9	HST Payable	953
10	Pension Liability	55
11		
12	Total Other Regulated Liabilities	<u><u>\$ 12,566</u></u>



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3 **Note 8 Operating Revenue**

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5 **a. Gas Distribution**

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9 Small General Service (SGS)

10 Mid-General Service (MGS)

11 Large General Service (LGS)

12 Contract General Service (CGS)

13 Industrial Contract General Service (ICGS)

14 Off-peak Service (OPS)

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16 Total

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18 1 Terajoule (TJ) = 1,000 Gigajoules (GJ)

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20 **b. Miscellaneous Revenues**

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23 Single End-User Franchise Fee

24 Large Industrial Contract Service (LICS) Revenue

25 Agent Billing and Collection

26 Interest Income

27 Late Payment Penalties

28 Red Lock & NSF Fee Revenue

29 Transactional Services

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31 Total Miscellaneous Revenues

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33 Details of Agent Billing and Collection Revenue

34 (in dollars)

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37 Small General Service (SGS)

38 Mid-General Service (MGS)

39 Large General Service (LGS)

40 Contract General Service (CGS)

41 Industrial Contract General Service (ICGS)

42 Off-peak Service (OPS)

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44 Total Agent Billing and Collection Revenue

	2023		
	Revenue	Customers	Throughput TJs
Small General Service (SGS)	8,929	8,399	623
Mid-General Service (MGS)	15,369	3,670	1,328
Large General Service (LGS)	13,951	438	1,858
Contract General Service (CGS)	3,072	52	483
Industrial Contract General Service (ICGS)	5,459	10	1,614
Off-peak Service (OPS)	379	13	67
Total	47,161	12,582	5,972

	2023
Single End-User Franchise Fee	
Large Industrial Contract Service (LICS) Revenue	
Agent Billing and Collection	
Interest Income	
Late Payment Penalties	
Red Lock & NSF Fee Revenue	
Transactional Services	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 2,346

	2023
Small General Service (SGS)	
Mid-General Service (MGS)	
Large General Service (LGS)	
Contract General Service (CGS)	
Industrial Contract General Service (ICGS)	
Off-peak Service (OPS)	
Total Agent Billing and Collection Revenue	



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1	(In thousands of dollars)	
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3	Note 9 Operating and Maintenance Expenses	
4		<u>2023</u>
5		
6	Corporate Management	\$ 1,366
7	Financial Reporting	1,828
8	Information technology	158
9	Regulatory & Upstream	782
10	Sales & Marketing	1,924
11	Distribution & Maintenance	7,601
12	Customer Care	893
13	Human Resources	372
14	Corporate Allocations	3,270
15		
16	Total Prior to Capitalization	<u>18,193</u>
17		
18	Total Capitalized	5,623
19		
20	Total Expense	<u><u>\$ 12,570</u></u>



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3 **Note 10** Interest on Amounts Due to Associates and Affiliates and Other Interest

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2023

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6 Interest on Long-term Debt

\$ 5,123

7 AIDC - Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (Debt Component)

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9 Total Interest on Amounts Due to Associates and Affiliates and Other Interest

\$ 5,126

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11 **Note 11** Regulated Return on Equity

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2023

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14 Regulated Return on Equity

\$ 12,390

15 Excess Returned to Customers

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16 Mechanism to Adjust Regulatory Deferral as per Legislation

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17 AEDC - Allowance for Funds Used During Construction (Equity Component)

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19 Total Regulated Return on Equity

\$ 12,399



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1	(In thousands of dollars)	
2		
3	Note 12 Rate Base for Regulatory Purposes	
4		<u>2023</u>
5	Property, Plant & Equipment	
6	Cost	\$ 290,323
7	Accumulated Amortization	<u>(90,860)</u>
8	Property, Plant & Equipment, Net	199,463
9		
10	Intangible Software	
11	Cost	13,024
12	Accumulated Amortization	<u>(1,378)</u>
13	Intangible Software, Net	11,646
14		
15	Development O&M Capitalized Costs	
16	Cost	114,952
17	Accumulated Amortization	<u>(45,674)</u>
18	Development O&M Capitalized Costs, Net	69,278
19		
20	Term Deposit	-
21		
22	Working Capital Allowance	2,144
23		
24	Total Rate Base	<u><u>\$ 282,530</u></u>
25		
26	Average Rate Base	<u><u>\$ 280,961</u></u>



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3 **Note 13 Capital Structure for Regulatory Purposes**

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5 **Capital Structure**

6	Long-term Debt	\$ 155,000
7	Equity	161,074
8	Total	<u>\$ 316,074</u>

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10 **Capital Structure Percentage**

11	Long-term Debt	49.04%
12	Equity	50.96%
13	Total	<u>100.00%</u>

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15 **Capital Structure Average Percentage for Regulatory Purposes**

16	Long-term Debt	55.00%
17	Equity	45.00%
18	Total	<u>100.00%</u>

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20 **Weighted Cost of Capital for Regulatory Purposes**

21	Long-term Debt	1.82%
22	Equity	4.41%
23	Total	<u>6.23%</u>



