

NEW BRUNSWICK ENERGY AND UTILITIES BOARD

IN THE MATTER Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP's financial reports of its commodity sales activities for the year ending December 31, 2022 and the year ending December 31, 2023.

ORDER

WHEREAS pursuant paragraph 3(1)(f) of the *Gas Distributor Marketing Regulation – Gas Distribution Act, 1999*, Liberty Utilities (Gas New Brunswick) LP is required to file with the Board an annual financial report of its gas commodity sales activity containing certain information and data;

AND WHEREAS Liberty filed with the Board financial reports of its gas sales activities for the years ending December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the Board engaged Energy Consultants International Inc. ("ECI") to review Liberty's natural gas sales for 2022 and 2023 and ECI filed a report of its review of natural gas sales for both years;

AND WHEREAS the Board gave notice to licenced natural gas marketers, the Public Intervener and Liberty inviting comments on the Liberty financial reports and the reports filed by ECI;

AND WHEREAS Liberty, Park Fuels and Irving Oil Limited submitted written comments to the Board;

AND WHEREAS on review of the Liberty financial reports, the Board must be satisfied that:

- a) Liberty is not cross-subsidizing between the sale of gas and the distribution of gas;

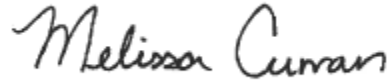
- b) the prices charged by Liberty are reasonable and sufficiently competitive to protect the interests of customers;
- c) the price charged for gas has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of the Regulation; and
- d) Liberty purchased gas for sale in accordance with its filed Gas Purchasing Plan.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Board will hold a public hearing at the Board's Premises commencing on **Tuesday, January 14, 2025** beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Suite 800 - 44 Chipman Hill, Saint John, N.B. to consider the evidence and submissions from interested parties in relation to the points the Board must determine referenced above. Interested parties may present evidence, cross-examine representatives of any party wishing to present evidence and make further submissions to the Board in relation to this Matter.
2. Any interested parties who wish to present evidence to the Board at the public hearing in addition to the Liberty financial reports and the ECI Reports, or make additional comments or submissions in relation to this Matter shall file that evidence with the Board at general@nbeub.ca and serve copies of same on Liberty and the Public Intervener by email no later than **Friday, December 13, 2024** at 4:00 p.m. Parties should indicate matter number Matter 572 on any material filed.
3. The Board will hold a case management conference on **Thursday, November 28, 2024** beginning at 9:30 a.m. via the Zoom videoconference platform. Any interested party wishing to participate at the public hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, must attend the case management conference and confirm their intention to do so. The link to attend the case management conference may be obtained by contacting the Deputy Chief Clerk of the Board.

DATED at the City of Saint John, New Brunswick, this 18th day of November 2024.

BY THE BOARD



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