

STATE OF NEW YORK  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Case 20-G-0378 - Petition of Liberty Utilities (St. Lawrence Gas) Corp. for an Expedited Modification to its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity Pursuant to Section 68 of the New York Public Service Law.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC STATEMENT HEARING

(Issued September 16, 2020)

Public comment is sought on a request by Liberty Utilities Corp. (St. Lawrence Gas or the utility) for modification of its existing Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN). The Commission granted the original CPCN to St. Lawrence Gas in a February 18, 2011 Order in Case 10-G-0295. In April 2020, St. Lawrence Gas and the Town of Malone (Town) entered into an Amended Franchise Agreement that, inter alia, updates the boundaries of the St. Lawrence Gas distribution area within the Town and allows the utility to provide service to businesses and residential customers surrounding US Route 11. St. Lawrence Gas seeks to modify its CPCN, thereby making it consistent with the terms of the April 2020 Amended Franchise Agreement.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a virtual public statement hearing on the St. Lawrence Gas request to modify its CPCN will be held before Administrative Law Judge Dakin Lecakes of the Department of Public Service as follows:

**DATE:** Thursday, October 8, 2020

**TIME:** 3:00 P.M.

**Electronic Access:** [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com)

**Event Number:** 173 537 3159

**Password:** Oct8-3pm

**Phone-Only Access: 518-549-0500**  
**Access Code: 173 537 3159**

**Any person wishing to provide a public statement on the record at the hearing must pre-register to do so by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.**

**To register electronically:** Participants who would like to provide a statement and will login to a hearing electronically may register to do so by visiting [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com), where they should click "Join" at the top right-hand corner of the screen, enter the appropriate event number listed above, and provide all requested information.

When logging in on the appropriate date and time of the hearing, participants will be asked to "select audio system." It is recommended that participants select the "call me" or "call using computer" option. The "call me" option requires participants to enter their phone numbers.

**To register by phone:** Any participant who is not able to log in to a hearing electronically may participate by phone. Call-in participants wishing to provide a statement must register to do so in advance by calling **1-800-342-3330**, where they should follow prompts to the appropriate hearing and provide the following information: first and last name, address, and phone number.

On the appropriate date and time of the hearing, all call-in users should dial **518-549-0500** and enter the relevant access code listed above.

The public statement hearing will be held open until everyone who has registered to speak has been heard or other reasonable arrangements to submit comments into the record have been made. Time limits may be set for each speaker as necessary. It is recommended that lengthy comments be submitted

in writing and summarized for oral presentation. A verbatim transcript of the public statement hearing will be made for inclusion in the record of this case.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations should call the Department of Public Service's Human Resources Management Office at (518)474-2520 as soon as possible. TDD users may request a sign language interpreter by placing a call through the New York Relay Service at 711. Individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English are encouraged to call the Department at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this notice.

#### **Other Ways to Comment**

For those who cannot attend or prefer not to speak at a public statement hearing, there are several other ways to provide your comments. Comments should refer to Case "20-G-0378."

**Internet or Mail:** Go to [www.dps.ny.gov](http://www.dps.ny.gov), click on "Search" and enter the case number, "20-G-0378" in the "Search by Case Number" field, and then click on "Post Comments" at the top right of the page; or send comments by email to the Secretary to the Commission at [secretary@dps.ny.gov](mailto:secretary@dps.ny.gov).

Alternatively, comments may be mailed to Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary, Public Service Commission, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223-1350.<sup>1</sup> All written comments will become part of the record considered by the Commission and may be accessed on the Department of Public Service website by searching the case number, as described above, and clicking on the "Public Comments" tab.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that, due to concerns related to COVID-19, filing electronically is strongly encouraged.

**Toll-Free Opinion Line:** You may call the Commission's Opinion Line at 1-800-335-2120. This number is set up to take comments about pending cases from in-State callers, 24-hours a day. These comments are not transcribed verbatim, but a summary is provided to the Commission.

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MICHELLE L. PHILLIPS  
Secretary