

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities)	
(Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities)	<u>File No. GT-2021-0073</u>
(MNG) to Change its Infrastructure System)	Tariff No. YG-2021-0137
Replacement Surcharge)	

STAFF COMPLIANCE TARIFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or “Company”) filed April 28, 2021, respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 31, 2020, Liberty filed its *Verified Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge Application* (“Application”) with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the Commission authorize changes to the Company’s Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharges (ISRS). On January 5, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, Directing Filings, and Setting Time for Responses* ordering Staff to file a Recommendation no later than March 1, 2021.

2. On February 25, 2021, Liberty and Staff filed a *Joint Motion for Extension of Time to File Report and Recommendation* (“Joint Motion”) requesting additional time for Staff to file its Recommendation. The same day, the Commission granted the Joint Motion and ordered Staff to file its Recommendation no later than March 31, 2021.

3. On March 2, 2021, Liberty filed a substitute ISRS tariff sheet.

4. On March 31, 2021, Staff filed its Recommendation concerning the Application in which it recommends, among other things, that the Commission reject the ISRS tariff sheet filed on March 31, 2021.

5. In response to Staff's Recommendation, Liberty filed a substitute ISRS tariff sheet on April 27, 2021 with an effective date of June 1, 2021. The next day, the Commission ordered Staff to file a Statement concerning Liberty's substitute tariff filing.

6. Following Staff's review, Staff finds that the tariff sheets filed on April 27, 2021, fulfill the intent of Staff's recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving Liberty's proposed substitute tariff sheets filed on April 27, 2021, with an effective date of June 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 30th day of April, 2021.

/s/ Ron Irving

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AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID M. SOMMERER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW, David M. Sommerer, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Compliance Tariff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

/s/ David M. Sommerer
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