

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates)	
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (MNG),)	<u>Filing No. GT-2022-0063</u>
Filing of its Revised Weather)	Tariff No. JG-2022-0044
Normalization Adjustment Rider Tariff)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Sheets* states as follows:

1. On August 31, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (MNG) (“Liberty”) filed four tariff sheets to adjust its weather adjustment normalization rider (“WNAR”) rates with a requested effective date of October 1, 2021. On September 1, 2021, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation on the pending tariff sheets no later than September 13, 2021. On September 10, 2021, Liberty filed a set of substitute tariff sheets, and noted that the substitute tariff sheets were revised to correct errors Staff had raised with Liberty regarding Liberty’s original tariff sheets filing. On September 13, 2021, Staff filed a motion requesting the Commission grant Staff a one-day extension in order to review and prepare Staff’s recommendation on Liberty’s substitute tariff sheets filing. The Commission granted Staff’s request and Staff’s Recommendation is based on the substituted tariff sheets and the accuracy presumed therein.

2. Because the previous CSWNA (Current Semiannual Weather Normalization Adjustment) period experienced cooler weather than normal in Liberty’s rate districts, the proposed rates are negative in the Northeast and West rate districts and less positive in Southeast rate district. This means a residential customer that used 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would see an approximate \$1.29

decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate if located in the Northeast or West rate districts. Likewise, a residential customer in the Southeast rate district using 100 Ccf of gas would see an approximate \$1.07 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate.

3. As further explained in the attached memorandum, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets as substituted by Liberty on September 10, 2021, with a requested effective date of October 1, 2021. Staff recommends approval of:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

7th Revised Sheet No. 67.2 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 67.2

7th Revised Sheet No. 67.3 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 67.3

7th Revised Sheet No. 67.4 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 67.4

7th Revised Sheet No. 67.5 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 67.5

WHEREFORE, as set forth above and in the attached memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the WNAR tariff sheets filed by Liberty as substituted on September 10, 2021, and to go into effect as requested for service on October 1, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record on this 14th day of September, 2021.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. GT-2022-0063, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2022-0044

FROM: Joel McNutt, Economics Analyst, Tariff/Rate Design Department

/s/ Joel McNutt / 09-14-2021
Tariff/Rate Design Dept. / Date

/s/ Jamie Myers / 09-14-2021
Staff Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation for the Approval of the Tariff Sheets Filed by Liberty Utilities to adjust its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider to go into effect on October 1, 2021.

DATE: September 14, 2021

On August 31, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (MNG) (“Liberty Utilities” or “Liberty”) filed four tariff sheets to adjust its weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR) rates with a requested effective date of October 1, 2021. On September 1, 2021, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation on the pending tariff no later than September 13, 2021. On September 10, 2021 Liberty Utilities filed two substitute tariff sheets to address errors in the calculation of the reconciliation and weather.

Liberty’s WNAR became effective on July 1, 2018. The purpose of the tariff is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days (AHDD) and normal heating degree days (NHDD). This is Liberty’s seventh WNAR filing. Liberty’s current and proposed rates are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Current and Proposed WNAR Rates by District and Class

District	Current		Proposed	
	Residential	SGS	Residential	SGS
Northeast and West	0.0097	0.00479	(.00321)	(0.0007)
Southeast	0.01954	0.00632	0.00889	0.00253

Because the previous CSWNA (Current Semiannual Weather Normalization Adjustment) period experienced cooler weather than normal in Liberty’s rate districts, the proposed rates are negative in the Northeast and West rate districts and less positive in Southeast rate district. This means a

residential customer that uses 100 ccf in a given billing month would see an approximate \$1.29 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate if located in the Northeast or West rate districts, and an approximate \$1.07 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate if located in the Southeast district.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets, as filed on August 31, 2021, and as substituted on September 10, 2021, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets to go into effect for service on and after October 1, 2021, the requested effective date:

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7th Revised Sheet No. 67.2 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 67.2

7th Revised Sheet No. 67.3 Cancelling 6th Revised Sheet No. 67.3

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Staff has verified that Liberty Utilities has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

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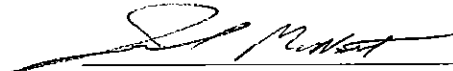
In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (MidStates Natural) File No. GT-2022-0063
Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (MNG), Filing of its Revised) Tariff No. JG-2022-0044
Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider Tariff)

AFFIDAVIT OF JOEL MCNUTT

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW, Joel McNutt, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation for Approval of Tariff Sheets* in Memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

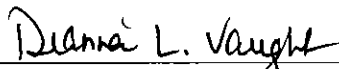
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



Joel McNutt

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 14th day of September, 2021.



Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission Number: 15207377