

**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	)	<b><u>Case No. GT-2022-0118</u></b>
Liberty to Change Its Infrastructure System	)	Tariff No. YG-2022-0253
Replacement Surcharge	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE TARIFF**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and in response to the Commission’s May 12, 2022, *Order Directing Filing* (“Order”) submits its *Staff Recommendation Regarding Compliance Tariff* (“Recommendation”) to the Commission as set forth in detail in the attached appendix, and in support thereof states as follows:

1. On May 4, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge* in which it authorized Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) to file new tariffs to recover the revenue authorized in the May 4, 2022 Order. In the same Order the Commission rejected the tariff sheet filed by Liberty on December 30, 2021, and assigned Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0194.
2. On May 12, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing* ordering that Staff file a recommendation no later than May 19, 2022. Also on May 12, 2022, Liberty filed a cover letter, and P.S.C. MO. No. 2, 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 19 compliance tariff sheet (YG-2022-0253). The proposed effective date of the tariff sheet is June 11, 2022.
3. As discussed in Staff’s Memorandum, attached hereto as Appendix A, Staff has reviewed Liberty’s tariff sheet and finds that the tariff sheet complies with the Commission’s May 4, 2022 Order. In addition, Liberty has filed its 2021 annual report

with the Commission and, as of the date of the Recommendation, Liberty is not delinquent on its FY 2022 assessments.

**WHEREFORE**, for the reasons stated above and in Staff's attached Memorandum, incorporated herein as Appendix A, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order in this case that:

1. Approves Liberty's ISRS tariff sheet (YG-2022-0253) P.S.C. MO No. 2, 12<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 19 filed on May 12, 2022.
2. Approves an effective date for the tariff sheet of June 11, 2022, where the Commission Order approving the tariff sheet has at least 10 days between the issue date and the effective date of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Ron Irving**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022.

**/s/ Ron Irving**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
File No. GT-2022-0118, Tariff Tracking No. YG-2022-0253  
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty

**FROM:** David M. Sommerer, Regulatory Compliance Manager, Procurement Analysis

/s/ Kimberly K. Bolin      5/19/2022                      /s/ Ron Irving      5/19/2022  
Financial and Business Analysis/Date                      Staff Counsel's Office/Date

**SUBJECT:** Staff Report and Recommendation Regarding Liberty's ISRS Tariff  
Submission - Compliance filing.

**DATE:** May 19, 2022

On May 4, 2022, the Commission issued its "Order Approving Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge" authorizing Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty to file a new tariff sheet to recover the revenue requirement authorized.

On May 12, 2022, Liberty filed a cover letter, and P.S.C. MO. No. 2, 12th Revised Sheet No. 19 – a compliance tariff sheet (YG-2022-0253). The proposed effective date on the tariff sheet is June 11, 2022. Also on May 12, 2022, the Commission issued its "Order Directing Filing" ordering that no later than May 19, 2022 Staff file a recommendation.

Staff reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and finds that it complies with the Commission's May 4, 2022 order.

In this instance, it is likely necessary to have 10 days between the issue date of the Commission's Order approving the compliance tariff and the effective date of that same Order.

Liberty has filed its 2021 annual report with the Commission.

As of the issuance of this memo, Liberty is not delinquent on its FY 2022 assessments.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the rationale stated above, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order in this case that:

1. Approves Liberty's ISRS tariff sheet (YG-2022-0253) P.S.C. MO No. 2, 12th Revised Sheet No. 19 filed on May 12, 2022.

2. Approves an effective date for the tariff sheet of June 11, 2022 where the Commission Order approving the tariff is at least 10 days between the issue date and effective date of the Order approving the compliance tariff.

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System Replacement Surcharge                    )  
File No. GT-2022-0118

**AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID M. SOMMERER**

STATE OF MISSOURI        )  
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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 foregoing *Staff Recommendation* in memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.


Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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**DAVID M. SOMMERER**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

D. SUZIE MANKIN  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
Commissioned for Cole County  
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025  
Commission Number: 12412070

  
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Notary Public