

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates)	
Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty Filing of its)	<u>Filing No. GT-2023-0088</u>
Revised Weather Normalization Adjustment)	Tariff No. JG-2023-0048
Rider (WNAR) 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 September 1, 2022, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed four tariff sheets to adjust its weather adjustment normalization rider (“WNAR”) rates with a requested effective date of October 1, 2022. On September 6, 2022, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation on the pending tariff sheets no later than September 14, 2022.

2. On September 13, 2022, Liberty filed a substitute tariff sheet, and noted that the substitute tariff sheet was revised to correct typographical errors Staff had raised with Liberty regarding Liberty’s original tariff sheets filing. Staff’s Recommendation is based on the tariff sheets as filed and substituted, the worksheets, and the accuracy presumed therein.

3. Weather has an impact on the use of natural gas in Liberty's service areas. Customers who reside in the Northeast and West rate districts will pay less while using the proposed WNAR rate. The Southeast rate district's residents will pay more due to the proposed WNAR rate. This means a residential customer who used 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would see an approximate \$0.56 reduction in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate if located in the Northeast or West rate districts. Alternatively, a residential customer in the Southeast rate district using 100 Ccf of gas

would see an approximate \$0.49 increase in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate.

4. As further explained in the attached memorandum, Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets, and the sheet as substituted by Liberty on September 13, 2022, with requested effective dates of October 1, 2022. Staff recommends approval of:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

9th Revised Sheet No. 67.2 Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 67.2

9th Revised Sheet No. 67.3 Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 67.3

9th Revised Sheet No. 67.4 Cancelling 8th Revised Sheet No. 67.4

9th Revised Sheet No. 67.5 Cancelling 8th 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 and as substituted on September 13, 2022, to go into effect as requested for service on October 1, 2022.

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, 2022.

/s/ Jamie S. Myers

Northeast or West rate districts. Alternatively, a residential customer in the Southeast rate district using 100 Ccf of gas would see an approximate \$0.49 increase in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate.

Staff Recommendation

Staff has reviewed the following tariff sheets, and recommends approval of the following tariff sheets, to go into effect for service on and after October 1, 2022, the requested effective date:

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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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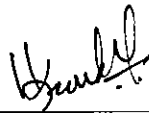
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AFFIDAVIT OF HARI K. POUDEL, PhD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW, Hari K. Poudel, PhD, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *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.



Hari K. Poudel, PhD

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 13th day of September, 2022.



Notary Public

