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

In the Matter of the Verified Application and Petition of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities to Change Its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge

File No. GO-2016-0206 Tariff No. YG-2016-0221

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND DIRECTING FILING

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Issue Date: February 22, 2016 Effective Date: February 22, 2016

On February 19, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty") filed an application and petition with the Missouri Public Service Commission pursuant to Sections 393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015, RSMo Cum. Supp. 2013, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 2.080 and 3.265, requesting that the Commission authorize it to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). Section 393.1015.2(3), RSMo, requires that the Commission act on Liberty's application no later than 120 days after the petition was filed; therefore, the Commission must issue an order regarding the application effective no later than June 18, 2016.<sup>1</sup>

Section 393.1015.1(2), RSMo, requires that the Commission publish notice of Liberty's filing. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this application to the general public and interested persons and set a date for intervention. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all of the counties within Liberty's service area. The Data Center shall also mail a copy of this notice to the parties in Liberty's most recent rate case, File No. GR-2014-0152. In addition, the Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Section 393.1015(3) the Commission may hold a hearing prior to reaching its decision.

shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Liberty's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing Liberty's service area.

Section 393.1015.2(2), RSMo, allows the Commission's Staff to examine Liberty's application to change its ISRS and allows Staff to submit a report of its examination no later than sixty days after the petition is filed. Consequently, the Commission will establish a deadline for Staff to file a recommendation regarding Liberty's application.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve notice as set out in the body of this order.

2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall serve notice as set out in the body of this order.

3. Any entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than March 14, 2016.

4. No later than April 19, 2016, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation in this matter.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



## BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2016.