

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Atmos Energy)
Corporation and Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp. for)
Authority to Sell Certain Missouri Assets to Liberty) **File No. GM-2012-0037**
Energy (Midstates) Corp. and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: September 12, 2011

Effective Date: September 12, 2011

On August 1, 2011, Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”) and Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp. (“Liberty”) filed an application. That application requests, among other things, authority from the Commission for Liberty to buy Atmos’ natural gas and natural gas transportation systems.

IBEW Local 1439 (“IBEW”) filed an intervention request on August 24, 2011. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) allows parties ten days to respond to motions. No party objected to the application. Therefore, the Commission will take it up unopposed.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) allows the Commission to grant intervention to a person who has an interest different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting intervention would serve the public interest. Upon review of the unopposed application, the Commission finds that IBEW meets the standard in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(4). Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

The Commission finds that a prehearing conference is now appropriate. The parties or their attorneys shall appear in person, or by telephone, at the conference. They shall be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct, the time necessary to complete discovery, and to prepare for hearing. Also, the parties shall be prepared to discuss the stipulation of facts not at issue. The parties will also be encouraged to discuss settlement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to intervene filed by IBEW Local 1439 is granted.
2. A prehearing conference shall be held on September 22, 2011, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. That room is in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.
3. Any party wishing to appear by telephone shall notify the Regulatory Law Judge by calling 573-751-7497 no later than 5:00 p.m., September 19, 2011.
4. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule or, in the alternative, each party shall file its own proposed procedural schedule, no later than September 29, 2011.

5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', written in a cursive style.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of September, 2011.