

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' Tariff Revisions Designed to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Areas of the Company.)
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) **File No. GR-2014-0152**
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**ORDER DIRECTING FILING REGARDING
COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 393.275.1 RSMo**

Issue Date: January 22, 2015

Effective Date: January 22, 2015

The Commission issued a Report and Order on December 3, 2014. That Report and Order required Liberty Utilities to file compliance tariffs. Liberty filed those tariffs, and the Commission approved them on December 22, 2014. The Office of the Public Counsel applied for rehearing, which the Commission denied on January 21, 2015.

Section 393.275.1 RSMo (2000) requires the Commission to notify the governing body of each city or county imposing a business license tax on gross receipts of any gas corporation of any approved rate increase for that gas corporation that exceeds seven percent. Further, the statute requires the Commission to:

include with such notice to any city or county the percentage increase approved for the utility, together with an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase on customers residing in that city or county.

Section 393.275.2 then requires the taxing authority to either reduce its tax rate to reduce the amount of revenue collected under the tax, or to act to maintain its existing tax rate.

The Commission will direct its Staff to file a report explaining whether this statutory provision applies to this case and, if so, what percentage rate increase the Commission awarded Liberty Utilities.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall respond as ordered above no later than February 2, 2015.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 22nd day of January, 2015.