

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
April, 2014.

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	)	<b><u>File No. GR-2014-0152</u></b>
Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Areas	)	Tariff No. YG-2014-0320
of the Company.	)	

**ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: April 30, 2014

Effective Date: April 30, 2014

On February 6, 2014<sup>1</sup>, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service provided in its Missouri service area. On February 7, the Commission published notice of the tariff filings and set procedural dates, among them a date for the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") to file suggested dates and locations for local public hearings.

OPC timely filed such suggestions, and no party objected or responded. After considering the OPC's suggestions, the Commission will set local public hearings as stated below. In addition, the Commission will set certain conditions concerning the parties' participation in the question-and-answer session before each public hearing, as ordered below.

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<sup>1</sup> Calendar references are to 2014 unless otherwise noted.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Commission shall make an informational presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each scheduled hearing.

2. Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall each prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case, and shall bring sufficient copies for distribution at the question-and-answer session that precedes the formal public hearing.

3. Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session.

4. At its discretion, Staff may be represented by any singular member of its Consumer Services Department, the Public Information Office, the Utility Operations Division, the Utility Services Division, or Staff Counsel. If Staff determines that no auditor, accountant or engineer needs to be present, Staff Counsel shall be Staff's designated representative at the question and answer session.

5. Any other party, at its discretion, may prepare a statement and make a representative available, as set forth in the body of this order.

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Monday, June 30, 2014, beginning at noon and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Meeting Room on the Lower Level of the Cape Girardeau County Extension Center, 684 West Jackson Trail, Jackson, Missouri.

7. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Monday, June 30, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in The Clinton Building, 501 Campanella Drive, Sikeston, Missouri.

8. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Tuesday, July 1, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Multipurpose Room of the Early Childhood Center, 544 North Veterans Road, Hannibal, Missouri.

9. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, at the Student Union Building, Activities Room 3200, Truman State University, 901 South Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri.

10. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, at the Bates County Museum, Robertson Hall, 802 Elks Drive, Butler, Missouri.

11. No later than ten days prior to the local public hearing, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities shall provide an individual notice to each of its customers in its Missouri service areas.

12. The local public hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

13. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the service area of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities.

14. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities.

15. This order shall become effective upon issuance.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,  
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge