

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 28th day of October, 2015.

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)	<u>File No. GR-2016-0075</u>
)	Tariff No. YG-2016-0103
)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: October 28, 2015

Effective Date: November 1, 2015

On October 15, 2015, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities, filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective November 1, 2015. The tariff sheet reflects a change in Liberty Utilities' Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") factor, for the 2015-2016 winter season.

For the Liberty West Area (WEMO), including Butler, Rich Hill, and Hume, Liberty's filing will decrease the firm PGA rate from \$0.57396 per hundred cubic feet (Ccf), to \$0.35433 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.21963 per Ccf.

For the Liberty Northeast Area (NEMO), including Hannibal, Canton, Bowling Green, and Palmyra, Liberty's filing will decrease the firm PGA rate from \$0.60103 per Ccf to \$0.40020 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.20083 per Ccf.

For the Liberty Kirksville Area, including Kirksville and Lancaster, Liberty's filing will decrease the firm PGA rate from \$0.65242 per Ccf to \$0.44263 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.20979 per Ccf.

For the Liberty Southeast Area (SEMO), including Jackson, Charleston, New Madrid, Caruthersville, Neelyville, and Kennett, Liberty's filing will decrease the firm PGA rate from \$0.53843 per Ccf to \$0.53793 per Ccf. This represents a decrease of \$0.00050 per Ccf.

The Commission's Staff filed its recommendation on October 22, 2015. Staff recommends the rates be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund pending final Commission decision in this file and in GR-2015-0095. Staff also asks to be allowed until December 16, 2016, to submit its results and recommendations regarding the ACA factors represented in this filing.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission independently finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Liberty Utilities' Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Liberty Utilities' PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten-day's notice, good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2000, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-day's notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on November 1, 2015, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2015-0095.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on October 15, 2015, by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities, assigned Tracking Number YG-2016-0103, and bearing an effective date of November 1, 2015, is approved on an

interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and in File No. GR-2015-0095. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2
21st Revised Sheet No. 44, Cancelling 20th Revised Sheet No. 44.

2. Staff's Procurement Analysis Unit shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in the October 15, 2015 ACA filing on or before December 16, 2016.
3. This order shall become effective on November 1, 2015.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, and
Rupp, CC., concur;
Coleman, C., absent.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge