

**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)	<u>File No. GO-2016-0206</u>
Its Infrastructure System Replacement)	Tariff No. YG-2016-0316
Surcharge)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and in response to the Commission's May 12, 2016, *Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation Regarding Compliance Tariff* submits its *Staff Recommendation* to the Commission as set forth in the attached Appendix A, which is incorporated herein by reference, and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

1. The Commission's May 12 Order directed Staff to file a recommendation as to whether the tariff sheet (YG-2016-0316) filed on May 11, 2016, by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (herein "Liberty" or "Company") is in compliance with the Commission's May 11, 2016, *Order Approving Change in Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge and Rejecting Tariff*.

2. The attached *Staff Recommendation* states that Staff has reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and has determined that it complies with the Commission's May 11 *Order*, has verified that Liberty has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment; and that Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects, or is affected by, this filing.

3. Therefore, the attached *Staff Recommendation* recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the tariff sheet, filed by Liberty on May 11, to go into effect on June 10, 2016, as requested by Liberty. The tariff sheet to be approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

9th Revised Sheet No. 19, Canceling 8th Revised Sheet No. 19

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order in this case approving the following tariff sheet for Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, as filed on May 11, 2016, to become effective on June 10, 2016:

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Whitney Payne

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 20th day of May, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No. GO-2016-0206,
Tariff No. YG-2016-0316 – Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.

FROM: Michael J. Ensrud, Rate & Tariff Examiner II, Procurement Analysis

/s/ David M. Sommerer 05/20/16
Commission Staff Division / Date

/s/ Whitney Payne 05/20/16
Staff Counsel's Office / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Recommendation on the Tariff Sheet filed by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities in Compliance with Commission Order

DATE: May 20, 2016

On May 11, 2016, the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued its ORDER APPROVING CHANGE IN INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE AND REJECTING TARIFF ("Order") authorizing Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty" or "Company") to file a new tariff sheet to recover the revenue authorized in its Order.

On May 11, 2016, Liberty filed a cover letter and a compliance tariff sheet with the Commission. The tariff sheet has a proposed effective date of June 10, 2016.

On May 12, 2016,¹ the Commission directed the Staff to file a recommendation no later than May 20, 2016.

Staff has reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and has determined that Liberty's submitted ISRS tariff sheet (YG-2016-0316) complies with those prescribed rates authorized by the Commission's Order.

Staff has verified that Liberty has filed its annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment.

Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects, or is affected by this filing.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheet, as filed on May 11, 2016, to go into effect on June 10, 2016, as requested by Liberty.

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¹ See ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING COMPLIANCE TARIFF.

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To Change Its Infrastructure System)
Replacement Surcharge)

AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

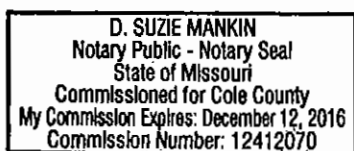
COMES NOW MICHAEL J. ENSRUD and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

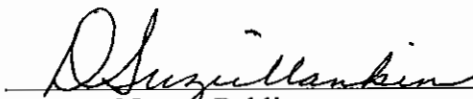
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


MICHAEL J. ENSRUD

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 18th day of May, 2016.




Notary Public