

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.'s d/b/a Liberty (MNG) Application for Authority to Issue Long Term Unsecured Debt)
) **File No. GF-2023-0280**
)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A PLEADING

Issue Date: July 17, 2023

Effective Date: July 17, 2023

On June 16, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a recommendation that the Commission approve Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.'s d/b/a Liberty (Liberty Midstates) amended application to refinance unsecured debt of its parent company, Liberty Utilities Co., in the amount of \$25.6 million. Liberty Midstates' application asks that the Commission waive the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.125(1)(G), which states that an application for indebtedness include a five-year capitalization expenditure schedule as required by Section 393.200 RSMo.

Staff's recommendation and accompanying memorandum propose as a condition that the Company be required to file a five-year capitalization expenditure schedule in future finance cases. Staff's memorandum also states that Staff reviewed a capital expenditure schedule. The Commission may waive a provision of its rules, but Staff did not address what authority the Commission would have to waive any provisions of Section 393.200 RSMo. The Commission will direct Staff to address Liberty Midstates' waiver request.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than July 24, 2023, the Commission's Staff shall file a pleading addressing Liberty Midstates' request for a waiver of Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-10.125(1)(G) and Section 393.200 RSMo.
2. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of July 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17th day of July, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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