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(Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.)
d/b/a Liberty Utilities' Tariff) File No.
Revisions Designed to Implement a) GR-2018-0013
General Rate Increase for Natural)
Gas Service in the Missouri)
Service Areas of the Company)

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go on the record.
3 We're here for a Scheduling Conference In the Matter of
4 Liberty Utilities rate case which is GR-2018-0013.
5 We'll begin today by taking entries of appearance
6 beginning with Liberty.

7 MR. DORITY: Thank you, Your Honor. Larry
8 Dority and James Fischer with Fischer & Dority, P.C.
9 appearing on behalf of Liberty Utilities (Midstates
10 Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities, and the
11 court reporter has our entry.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for Staff.

13 MS. FORCK: Marcella Forck and Jeff Keevil,
14 and the court reporter has our information.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Public Counsel.

16 MR. SMITH: Ryan Smith with Office of the
17 Public Counsel, court reporter has my information.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the Division of
19 Energy.

20 MR. POSTON: Marc Poston, Division of Energy.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I believe the only other
22 party was MECG and Mr. Woodsmall e-mailed me this
23 morning and indicated he was triple booked and asked to
24 be excused and I granted his request. We'll bring him
25 in as needed over the next week.

1 And I issued an order this morning granting
2 Division of Energy's Application to Intervene. MEGC and
3 Division of Energy are the only applicants to intervene
4 so all the parties should be in line now.

5 The main purpose of this meeting today is to
6 allow the parties to discuss a proposed procedural
7 schedule. As you are no doubt aware, I set the hearing
8 dates for May 14 through May 25 of next year. If you
9 have agreement among yourselves for some other dates,
10 I'm open to that, but keep in mind that if you try and
11 move it much of anything past the end of May then it
12 just doesn't give me enough time to get an order out of
13 the Commission and if we do the briefs. Keep that in
14 mind as you're deliberating.

15 The only other thing I want to mention while
16 we're on the record is the test year, Liberty proposed
17 test year, historical test year ending June 30, 2017,
18 updated through December 31, 2017, and trued-up through
19 March 31 of 2018. Staff and Public Counsel have
20 responded indicating that they are in concurrence with
21 that. Anyone else wish to be heard on that? Okay. I
22 will establish that as the test year for this case then
23 and I'll issue an order when I get back upstairs to let
24 the public know about that.

25 Anything else we need to discuss while we're

1 on the record?

2 MR. DORITY: I don't believe so.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I'll leave you to your
4 discussions in this nice cozy hearing room. Thank you
5 all. We're off the record.

6 (Off the record.)

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