

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Name Change)
Request of Liberty Energy (Midstates))
Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities to Liberty) **File No. GN-2014-0090**
Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.)
d/b/a Liberty Utilities)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE LIBERTY ENERGY (MIDSTATES)
CORPORATION D/B/A LIBERTY UTILITIES' APPLICATION FOR NAME CHANGE**

COMES NOW, the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") and for its recommendation to approve the name change request of Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities to Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty" or "Company") states:

1. Staff's recommendation to approve Liberty's application for a name change is explained in Staff's *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated by reference.

2. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(5) governs filing requirements when a company proposes to adopt a different or fictitious name:

A name change may be accomplished by filing the items below with a cover letter requesting a change of name. Notwithstanding any other provision of these rules, the items required herein may be filed by a non-attorney. Applications for approval of a change of name shall include:

(A) A statement, clearly setting out both the old name and the new name;

(B) Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri Secretary of State; and,

(C) Either an adoption notice and revised tariff title sheet with an effective date which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application, or revised tariff sheets with an effective date which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application.

3. As explained in Staff's *Memorandum*, Staff reviewed the application and determined that Liberty has complied with these requirements.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed tariff sheets to become effective on November 1, 2013, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

2nd Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancelling Revised Sheet No. 1

1st Revised Adoption Notice Cancelling Original Adoption Notice

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all counsel of record this 17th day of October, 2013.

/s/ Alexander J. Antal

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File,
Case No. GN-2014-0090, File No. YG-2014-0157 Liberty Energy (Midstates)
Corporation

FROM: Kim Cox, Energy Unit- Tariff, Safety, Economic and Engineering Analysis Department

/s/ Thomas M. Imhoff 10/17/2013 /s/ Alexander Antal 10/17/2013
Energy Unit/Date Staff Counsel's Office/Date

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation on Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities
Application for a Name Change to Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corporation
d/b/a Liberty Utilities

DATE: October 17, 2013

On July 2, 2012, Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corporation (“Liberty”) filed for a name change to Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities (“Liberty Utilities”). On July 23, 2012, the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) issued an Order Recognizing Name Change and Approving Tariff Sheets to Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities. The case is docketed as GN-2013-0001.

On October 2, 2013, Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities filed an Application for a Name Change Request to Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corporation d/b/a Liberty Utilities. On October 2, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing. On October 5, 2013, Liberty filed a Substitute Tariff Sheet to correct a minor error.

The Missouri Public Service Commission’s Tariff/Rate Design Energy Unit Staff (“Staff”) has reviewed Liberty’s request for name change and has determined that its request was filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(5) which provides: A name change may be accomplished by filing the items below with a cover letter requesting a change of name. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, a non-attorney may file the items required herein. Applications for approval of a change of a name shall include:

- (A) A statement, clearly setting out both the old name and the new name;
- (B) Evidence of registration of the name change with the Missouri Secretary of State; and
- (C) Either an adoption notice and revised tariff title sheet with an effective date, which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application, or revised tariff sheets with an effective date, which is not fewer than thirty (30) days after the filing date of the application.

Liberty filed two tariff sheets requesting approval of its formal adoption notice and title sheet. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed on October 2, 2013, and as substituted on October 15, 2013, and is of the opinion that they were timely filed and are in compliance with Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(5). Staff therefore recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed tariff sheets to become effective on November 1, 2013, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

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

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AFFIDAVIT OF KIM COX

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

Kim Cox of lawful age, on oath states: that she participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was provided to her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

Kim Cox

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of October, 2013.

LAURA BLOCH
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: June 21, 2015
Commission Number: 11203914

Laura Bloch

Notary Public