

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2018.

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' Tariff Revisions Designed to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Areas of the Company )  
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**File No. GR-2018-0013**  
Tariff No. YG-2018-0036

**ORDER REGARDING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: March 14, 2018.

Effective Date: March 14, 2018

Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed tariffs on September 29, 2017, that would implement a general rate increase for its natural gas service. In response, the Commission ordered that applications to intervene be filed by November 6. The Missouri School Boards' Association (MSBA) filed an application to intervene out of time on March 5, 2018.

MSBA asks to intervene late in these proceedings because the effect of the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 has only recently become an issue. MSBA indicates its willingness to accept the record as it now stands and explains that it wishes to participate for the limited purpose of addressing the federal tax law change.

Liberty responded to MSBA's application on March 9, arguing that there has been no showing of good cause for the late intervention. Liberty contends MSBA is a sophisticated party that could have filed a timely application to intervene if it had chosen to do so and should not be allowed to potentially disrupt these proceedings through its late intervention.

In the alternative, Liberty suggests MSBA's intervention, if granted, be limited to matters regarding the federal tax law change.

The Commission finds that MSBA has not shown good cause for its very late attempt to intervene in this case. Further, allowing MSBA to intervene at this late stage will not serve the public interest. Therefore the Commission will deny MSBA's intervention request.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Missouri School Boards' Association's Application to Intervene Out of Time is denied.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Kenney, and Rupp, C., concur;  
Coleman, C., dissents, and  
Silvey, C., absent.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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

*Sincerely,*



**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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