

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 10th day of January, 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)

File No. GR-2018-0013
Tariff No. YG-2018-0036

**ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS
AND DIRECTING NOTICE**

Issue Date: January 10, 2018

Effective Date: January 10, 2018

On September 29, 2018, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), submitted proposed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for natural gas service. In an October 19 order, the Commission directed Staff to consult with the other parties to file recommendations regarding the times, dates, and locations for local public hearings. Staff responded on November 20, offering suggested times and locations for such hearings. The Commission will adopt the local public hearing schedule proposed by the parties.

The Commission will direct Liberty to provide notice of the hearings to its customers using the notice language described in this order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make an informational presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of each local public hearing.

2. Liberty, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall each prepare a one-page statement outlining their current assessment of the case, and shall bring sufficient copies for distribution at the question-and-answer session that begins each local public hearing.

3. Liberty, the Commission's Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session.

4. Any other party, at its discretion, may prepare a statement and make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question and answer session.

5. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Butler R-V School Auditorium, 420 South Fulton, Butler, Missouri, 64730, on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

6. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Sikeston City Hall Council Chambers, 105 E. Center Street, Sikeston, Missouri 63801, on Monday, March 26, 2018, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

7. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Cape Girardeau County Extension Office, Harrison Room (Upper Level), 684 West Jackson Trail, Jackson, Missouri 63755, on Monday, March 26, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

8. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Hannibal-LaGrange University, Partee Center-Page Dining Room, 2800 Palmyra Road, Hannibal, Missouri 63401, on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

9. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing at Truman State University, Student Union Activities Room, 901 S. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

10. No later than ten days before the local public hearings, Liberty shall provide individual notice to each of its natural gas service customers including the notice as set out below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Liberty has filed tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) that would increase the company's natural gas service revenues by approximately \$7.5 million, of which approximately \$0.5 million is already being recovered through its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS), resulting in a net increase of approximately \$7 million. In its filing before the PSC, Liberty has stated that the rate increase is necessary generally to offset or reflect increases in operating costs, the construction of significant new gas service facilities, as well as return requirements on rate base. The overall request would raise a typical residential customer's bill by approximately 14.8 percent. Liberty proposes to consolidate its three existing rate districts into a single district with a uniform charge for delivery. For Liberty's existing Northeast Missouri district the overall request would result in an increase of approximately \$2.06 per month. For Liberty's existing Southeast Missouri district the overall request would result in an increase of approximately \$14.09 per month. For Liberty's existing Western Missouri district, the overall request would result in an increase of approximately \$7.62 per month. The rate increase request, which is subject to regulatory approval, would take effect no later than August 26, 2018.

Public comment hearings have been set before the Public Service Commission as follows:

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Truman State University, Student Union Activities Room, 901 S. Franklin, Kirksville, Missouri 63501, on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Each hearing will begin with an informal question-and-answer session before testimony is taken from the public.

If you are unable to attend a live public hearing and wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact: The Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857, email opcservice@ded.mo.gov or the Missouri Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone 1-800-392-4211, email pscinfo@psc.mo.gov.

The Commission will also conduct an evidentiary hearing at its offices in Jefferson City during the weeks of May 21-25, 2018 and May 30-June 1, 2018, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m.

The evidentiary hearings and local public hearings will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

11. The local public hearings shall be held in facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearings.

12. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall mail a copy of this order to the county commission of each county in Liberty's service area.

13. The Public Policy and Outreach Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve Liberty's service area.

14. Liberty shall place advertisements in the newspapers serving its service territory. The advertisements shall contain the information from the customer notice relevant to the customers in the newspaper's circulation area.

15. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Silvey, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

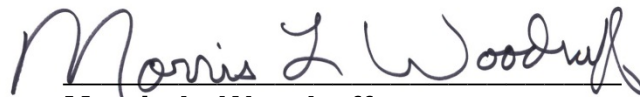
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 10th day of January 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 10, 2018

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Butler County Courthouse
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County of Cass, Missouri

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Clinton, MO 64735

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New London, MO 63459

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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

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.