

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 18th day of March, 2020.

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities)	
(Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.)	<u>File No.: GT-2020-0260</u>
d/b/a Liberty Utilities Filing of its)	Tracking No. JG-2020-0147
Revised Weather Normalization)	
Adjustment Rider Tariff WNAR)	

ORDER APPROVING WNAR TARIFF

Issue Date: March 18, 2020

Effective Date: April 1, 2020

On February 28, 2020, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed Tracking Number JG-2020-0147, with a proposed effective date of April 1, 2020. The tariff would revise Liberty's weather normalization adjustment rider (WNAR), and is a mandatory semi-annual filing pursuant to Liberty's WNAR tariff, which went into effect on July 1, 2018. This is Liberty's fourth WNAR filing. The purpose of the WNAR tariff is to adjust revenues, either positive or negative, for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days.

On March 13, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation. Staff explains the WNAR adjustment would *increase* the average monthly bill, based on 100 Ccf of natural gas usage in a given billing month, of the typical residential customer by approximately:

\$0.75 in the Northeast District;
\$0.75 in the West District; and
\$2.16 in the Southeast District.

Because the previous accumulation period experienced warmer weather than normal in Liberty's rate districts, the proposed rates are less negative in the Northeast and West rate districts and positive in South rate district. Staff recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheets.¹

The Commission set a deadline for responses to the application or Staff's recommendation. No other party responded or opposed approval of the tariff. The Commission has reviewed the tariff and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum. The Commission will approve the tariff.

As the tariff sheets would take effect on April 1, 2020, without an order of the Commission, and to ensure the timely adjustment of rates to account for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days, this order will take effect in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets filed by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities on February 28, 2020, substituted on March 10, 2020, and twice substituted on March 13, 2020, and assigned Tracking Number JG-2020-0147, are approved to become effective on April 1, 2020.

2. This file shall be closed on April 2, 2020.

¹ The Commission is addressing the last substitution of the tariff sheets; originally filed on February 28, 2020, substituted on March 10, 2020, and twice substituted on March 13, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

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

Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge