

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

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District)
Electric Company and The Empire District Gas)
Company for Waiver of a Dual Branding) Case No. AO-2020-0184
Requirement Regarding the Continued Use of the Empire)
District Name for Electric, Gas, and Water Operations)

NOTICE OF FICTITIOUS NAME REGISTRATIONS

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“EDE”) and The Empire District Gas Company (“EDG”) and respectfully submit this Notice of Fictitious Name Registrations on behalf of EDE, EDG, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (“Liberty Water”), and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (“Midstates”) (collectively, the “Utilities” or “Liberty”). To the extent required, the Utilities also request approval of the use of a fictitious name pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5).

1. On December 23, 2019, EDE and EDG filed their Motion for Waivers, requesting an order of the Commission relieving EDE and EDG of the requirement to operate their businesses under the “Empire District” brand, or a co-branding designation including the name Liberty Utilities, until January 1, 2022.

2. On March 18, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Granting Partial Waiver*, effective April 17, 2020. As part of that *Order*, the Commission directed the Utilities to “keep Staff, interested stakeholders and the Commission apprised of any new corporate name and/or logo once adopted, including making a presentation to Staff and the Commission regarding its new brand and customer communication plan if applicable.”

3. On June 3, 2020, the Utilities made a presentation to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) at a noticed Commission agenda meeting. With that presentation, the Utilities announced their new operating name: Liberty.

4. Fictitious name registrations have now been filed with and accepted by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office for each of the four Utilities operating in Missouri, and these registrations are attached hereto. The individual entity names remain unchanged, but "Liberty" is now the common operating name for the Utilities in Missouri.

The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty

The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty

Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty

Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty

5. All active tariff sheets adding this fictitious name, including the title page and CCN area descriptions, are being submitted as part of the compliance tariff process for EDE in Case No. ER-2019-0374. These tariff sheets will be submitted on August 17, 2020, with a proposed effective date of September 16, 2020.

6. Additionally, tariff adoption notices and revised title pages, adding the fictitious name of "Liberty" and proposing an effective date thirty days after filing, will be submitted for EDG, Liberty Water, and Midstates on August 17, 2020.

WHEREFORE, the Utilities respectfully submit this Notice of Fictitious Name Registrations. Additionally, to the extent required, the Utilities request approval of the use of the fictitious name pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 15th day of August, 2020, with notification of the same sent to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter