

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

In the Matter of Atmos Energy)	
Corporation's Purchased Gas)	<u>Case No. GR-2012-0129</u>
Adjustment Tariff Filing)	Tariff No. YG-2013-0191

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its Recommendation, states as follows:

1. On October 17, 2012, Liberty Energy (Midstates) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty), successor in interest to Atmos Energy Corporation, filed a tariff sheet requesting an effective date of November 1, 2012. The tariff sheet reflects changes in Liberty's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for its four PGA service areas.

2. The same day the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff To File Recommendation* (Order) regarding Liberty's proposed tariff sheet no later than October 26, 2012.

3. Liberty's proposed tariff sheet reflects changes in Liberty's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors for each of its PGA areas as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season.

4. Approval of this tariff will change the PGA factors as follows:

- * Liberty West Area increase \$0.02667 per Ccf
- * Liberty Kirksville Area increase \$0.01259 per Ccf
- * Liberty Northeast Area decrease \$0.02416 per Ccf
- * Liberty Southeast Area increase \$0.07491 per Ccf

5. Staff has reviewed Liberty's proposed tariff sheet and submits its recommendation contained in Staff's Memorandum attached hereto as Appendix A.

6. For reasons more fully explained in its Memorandum, the Staff recommends the Commission approve Liberty's proposed tariff sheet on an interim, subject to refund status pending final Commission decisions in ACA Case Nos. GR-2012-0129 and GR-2011-0161.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends the Commission approve tariff YG-2013-0191 as filed on October 17, 2012, on an interim subject to refund basis, allowing the tariff to become effective on November 1, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 26th day of October 2012.

/s/ Robert S. Berlin