

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

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

**ORDER DIRECTING COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED NOTICE
OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Issue Date: January 5, 2018

Effective Date: January 5, 2018

The Commission is preparing to issue an order at its January 10, 2018 agenda meeting that will schedule local public hearings for this rate case. As part of that scheduling order, the Commission will direct Liberty to provide specific notice of the local public hearings to its customers. Since the parties have not offered specific language to accompany that notice, the Commission proposes to order Liberty to include the following language in that notice:

1. 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:

Butler R-V School Auditorium, 420 South Fulton, Butler, Missouri, 64730, on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Sikeston City Hall Council Chambers, 105 E. Center Street, Sikeston, Missouri 63801, on Monday, March 26, 2018, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

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.

Hannibal-LaGrange College, [The details will be added when finalized], on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, beginning at 12:00 p.m.

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.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any party wishing to comment on the proposed notice language shall do so no later than January 9, 2018.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of January, 2018.

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 5th day of January 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 5, 2018

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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.