

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities)
(Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a) **File No. GT-2021-0047**
Liberty Utilities (MNG) Proposed Tariff)
Sheet Filing)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 28, 2020

Effective Date: September 28, 2020

Liberty-Utilities has filed Tariff Nos. JG-2021-0042, YG-2021-0050, and YG-2021-0080 in this file. On August 24, 2020, the Commission suspended Tariff JG-2021-0042 until October 18, 2020. Tariff No. YG-2021-0080 bears an effective date of October 18, 2020. Tariff No. YE-2021-0050 bears an effective date of October 1, 2020.

On September 25, 2020, Staff filed its Recommendation. Staff recommends that the Commission approve all the tariffs to be effective on October 1, 2020. Staff explains that good cause exists to approve Tariff No. YE-2021-0080 expeditiously because it is only revised to be consistent with a recent company name change. However, Staff does not explain why the Commission would have good cause to expeditiously approve Tariff No. JG-2021-0042, which is suspended until October 18, 2020.

The Commission understands the logic of all of these tariffs being effective on the same date. However, to accomplish that, the Commission would have to approve these tariffs the day before they are to become effective. The Commission has legal concerns about approving tariffs with an order that has a one-day effective date. The Commission will order Staff to explain what harm, if any, would befall either the company or customers if the Commission allowed all of the tariffs to go into effect on their current effective dates.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall respond as ordered above no later than 5:00 p.m., September 28, 2020.
2. Any other party may respond no later than 5:00 p.m., September 28, 2020.
3. 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

Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 28th day of September, 2020.