

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 General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Areas of the Company)))))))	<u>File No. GR-2018-0013</u> Tariff No. YG-2018-0036
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NOTICE OF HEARING, ORDER SETTING CONFERENCE DATE, DIRECTING NOTICE OF ACTION, ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION DATE, AND DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: October 19, 2017

Effective Date: October 19, 2017

On September 29, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities filed tariffs that would implement a general rate increase for its natural gas service. The Commission will direct notice of this action, set dates for a hearing and a conference, and provide for certain filings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Preliminary Schedule. The following schedule is ordered.

<i>Convene/File</i>	<i>Date</i>	
Response to proposed test year ¹	November 6, 2017	
Applications to intervene	November 6, 2017	
Scheduling conference	November 7, 2017	10:00 a.m.
Recommendations regarding procedural schedule	November 16, 2017	
Recommendations related to discovery and prepared testimony	November 16, 2017	
Recommendations regarding local public hearings	November 23, 2017	
Evidentiary hearing ²	May 14 – May 25, 2018	8:30 a.m.

¹ Liberty proposes a historical test year ending June 30, 2017, updated through December 31, 2017, and trued-up through March 31, 2018.

² These hearing dates have been reserved on the Commission's calendar. If the parties wish to advocate for different hearing dates they may do so.

2. Conference and Hearing Location. Each hearing or conference will convene in Room 310, Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. That building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the conference or hearing shall contact the Commission, not later than the day before the event. Such contact shall be through the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

3. Intervention. Any application to intervene shall be filed by transmitting it to:

Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360

or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

4. Other Filings. Staff shall coordinate, and jointly file on behalf of all parties in agreement, recommendations:

- a. Regarding a procedural schedule. Any proposed procedural schedule shall include proposed cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses, and dates for discovery conferences, and dates for rulings.
- b. Regarding other provisions governing discovery.
- c. Regarding provisions governing prepared testimony.
- d. Regarding times and locations of local public hearings.

5. Notice of this Action. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice and order to the county commission of each county within Liberty's service area. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this

order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Liberty's service area and the news media serving Liberty's service area.

6. 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

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 19th day of October, 2017.

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 18th day of October 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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**

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