BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. to Change Its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge

File No. GT-2023-____

NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

COMES NOW Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., ("Liberty" or "Company"), and, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017, submits this Notice of Intended Case Filing with regard to Liberty's intended application to change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). In this regard, Liberty respectfully states as follows:

1. The Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Missouri and is primarily engaged in the business of distributing and transporting natural gas to approximately 53,000 customers in the West, Northeast and Southeast portions of Missouri. A Certificate of Good Standing evidencing Midstates' standing to do business in Missouri was attached as Exhibit 1 to the Application filed in Case No. GE-2019-0251. The information on such Certificate is currently applicable and correct.

2. The Company is a "gas corporation" and a "public utility," as those terms are defined by RSMo. §386.020 and, therefore, is subject to the general regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.

3. Liberty has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, and Liberty is current on its annual report and assessment fee obligations to the Commission, and no such report or assessment fee is overdue.

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4. RSMo. §§393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015 authorize eligible gas corporations to recover certain infrastructure replacement costs through the implementation of an ISRS. The gas corporation must file a petition with the Commission for review and approval before its rates and charges can be adjusted to provide for the recovery of the ISRS costs. Issues the Commission will be asked to consider and decide in the intended case are those that normally arise in applications filed under the referenced statutes.

5. Liberty intends to request an adjustment to its ISRS rate schedule that provides for the recovery of costs incurred in connection with ISRS-eligible infrastructure system replacements for the period of November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022.

6. With regard to Rule 4.017(1) and the requirement that a 60-day filing notice include "a summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing the notice," the Company verifies that there have been no ex parte communications regarding substantive issues likely to be in the intended case between Liberty and the office of the Commission within the 90 days prior to the filing of this Notice.

WHEREFORE, Liberty submits to the Commission this Notice of Intended Case Filing. The Company requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

On behalf of the applicant, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(M), the undersigned, upon her oath and under penalty of perjury, hereby states that the above filing is true and correct to the best of her information, knowledge, and belief.

<u>/s/ Dana Liner</u> Manager, Rates and Regulatory Affairs

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 16th day of January, 2023, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record. This Notice was also sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter