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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities' Motion for )	
Temporary Variances Regarding Electric, Gas, )	Case No. AO-2020-0335
Water, and Sewer Tariffs and the Impact of )	
COVID-19 on Missouri Customers	

## NOTICE REGARDING PROPOSED TARIFFS

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("EDE"), The Empire District Gas Company ("EDG"), Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC ("Liberty Water"), and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. ("Midstates"), all Liberty Utilities companies (collectively, the "Utilities"), and for their Notice Regarding Proposed Tariffs, respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. Related to the impact of COVID-19, EDE-electric and water, Liberty Water-water and sewer, and EDG sought approval of temporary tariff sheets related to the provision of bill credits to customers who use a credit/debit card for electronically submitted payments and are charged a fee for said use. The Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") recommended rejection of the tariff sheets.
- 2. On May 21, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Tariffs*, suspending the proposed temporary tariff sheets until August 21, 2020, and stating that the Commission lacks a factual basis for either approving or rejecting the proposed tariffs. Thereafter, the Commission directed the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule for the further processing of the Utilities' request. On June 12, 2020, the Utilities, Staff, and OPC submitted their proposed procedural schedule. This scheduled was adopted by the Commission by order issued June 15, 2020.
- 3. Also on June 15, 2020, the Utilities submitted their Notice Regarding Change in Practices, providing notice of their intention to return to regular practices with regard to non-pay

disconnects, late payment fees, and collections as of July 15, 2020. Given the timing of the Utilities' intent to return to regular practices and the timing of the processing of the Utilities' request for approval of temporary tariff sheets related to COVID-19, the Utilities have withdrawn their proposed temporary tariffs.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants submit this Notice Regarding Proposed Tariffs. The Applicants request such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, with notice of the same sent to all counsel of record.

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