

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

STAFF REPORT

COST OF SERVICE

APPENDIX 3

Other Staff Schedules

LIBERTY UTILITIES (Midstates Natural Gas) CORP.

d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES

CASE NO. GR-2018-0013

*Jefferson City, Missouri
March 2018*

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of APPENDIX 3**

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Jim Dittmer

From: Jill Schwartz <Jill.Schwartz@libertyutilities.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 25, 2018 7:20 AM
To: Jim Dittmer; Charlie Evans
Cc: 'Ferguson, Lisa'; 'Cassidy, John'
Subject: RE: Follow up on DR Responses to Staff 136 and 139

Good morning Jim,

I wanted to give you an update on the timesheet report for the APUC employees. We received a report from Corporate, however it was not for the right employees. I sent it back to them and they will have to rerun it.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

Thanks!

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From: Jim Dittmer [mailto:jdittmer@utilitech.net]
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To: Jill Schwartz <Jill.Schwartz@libertyutilities.com>; Charlie Evans <Charlie.Evans@libertyutilities.com>
Cc: 'Ferguson, Lisa' <lisa.ferguson@psc.mo.gov>; 'Cassidy, John' <john.cassidy@psc.mo.gov>
Subject: RE: Follow up on DR Responses to Staff 136 and 139

Jill,

I was on another call when you called, and then had to step out for a bit. If the payroll time sheet system is convertible to Excel files, getting summary hours by person, and account coding, by month, for the entire test year and beyond would be my preference. If you are being definitively informed that converting timesheet data into Excel files is not possible, or not easily possible, I would ask in the alternative for the following samples of timesheet screenshots for the APUC four:

All time sheets by individual for the months of December 2016, January 2017, June 2017 (which you've pulled at least for one individual) and July 2017. After I have those hours for those individuals for those months, I would then like to see those hours multiplied by presumably a fully loaded labor rate for at least *one month*, that can then be tied to costs by entity/account found within the "APUC Smartlist" and "Smartlist" tabs of a given month's APUC Regulatory Report that you all provided last week. If that data pull and review doesn't raise any questions or concerns, we could probably forego seeking all the time sheets for all months of the test year and beyond for all four APUC officers/employees (again, if the conversion of all test year timesheet data to Excel files is not possible).

Call or e-mail if you have questions or see any problems with this request. Thanks.

Regards,

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Schedule JRD-d1

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Subject: RE: Follow up on DR Responses to Staff 136 and 139

Hi Jim,

As a follow-up to my voicemail, we have been working with the folks in Corporate to gather the additional information you need. We are working with Payroll to provide timesheets for the 4 APUC employees. As I mentioned on my voicemail, attached is an example of the weekly timesheet for one of the employees. They are working to pull the timesheets for all 4 employees for June 2017 as an example. Once I receive the rest of the reports, we can provide as a supplemental response to DR 0136.

Please note, the attached information contains CONFIDENTIAL information in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)2.

Please let me know if this information is helpful or if you have any questions.

Thanks!
Jill

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-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Dittmer [<mailto:jdittmer@utilitech.net>]
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Subject: Follow up on DR Responses to Staff 136 and 139

Jill, Charlie and Mike,

Following up on our discussion this morning, I would still like to see the Time Sheets for the four officers/employees at the APUC level. While the original response to DR 136 points to monthly billing reports, which I understand do reflect monthly rolled-up "costs" for individual APUC employees, it does not reflect the hourly/daily/weekly/monthly direct assignment of the time that each employee/officer spent on, for instance, Liberty Power matters versus MidStates, Calpeco and other benefiting regulated entities. Getting comfort with a determination that personnel are accurately and regularly direct assigning time to benefiting entities is essential to gaining confidence in the entire direct assignment/allocation process that occurs under the Company's CAM.

Additionally, I would seek a supplemental response to DR 139 that sought budgeted 2016, 2017 and 2018 Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp corporate/shared services by Type of Cost. On January 15 we received a short response to DR 136 that stated that APUC does not budget corporate/shared services by Type of Cost. That response is a bit surprising given that the Company accounts for, and allocates by, "Type of Cost." But be that as it may, I would ask for budgeted APUC corporate/shared services costs in whatever categories that such costs are regularly/routinely budgeted. As with other requests, I am not asking the Company to generate a budget, report or table in a new format, or level of detail, than currently exists. I am just trying to get whatever budgeted data that does exist - in whatever detail that such budgeted costs are regularly developed.

Regards,

Jim Dittmer

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Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.

Depreciation Rates GR-2018-0013

Account Number	Plant Description	Depreciation Rate (WEMO, SEMO, and NEMO)	Average Service Life	Net Salvage Rate
365	Land - Transmission	0.00%		
365.1	Land and Land Rights	0.00%		
365.2	Rights-of-Way	0.00%		
366	Structures and Improvements	2.10%	50	-5%
366.1	Structures and Improvements (T&D other structures)	2.10%	50	-5%
367	Mains - Transmission - Cathodic Protection	1.35%	75	-1%
367.1	Mains - Transmission - Steel	1.35%	75	-1%
367.2	Mains - Transmission - Plastic	1.35%	75	-1%
369	Measuring & Regulating Station Equipment	2.27%	44	0%
370	Communication Equipment	4.35%	23	0%
374	Land and Land Rights	0.00%		
375	Structures and Improvements	2.13%	47	0%
376	Mains - Distribution - Cathodic Protection	1.87%	71	-33%
376.1	Mains - Distribution - Steel	1.87%	71	-33%
376.2	Mains - Distribution - Plastic	1.87%	71	-33%
377	Compressor Station Equipment	0.00%		
378	Measuring & Regulating Station Equipment- General	1.98%	58	-15%
379	Measuring & Regulating Station Equipment- City Gate	3.21%	39	-25%
380	Services	4.55%	33	-50%
381	Meters	2.56%	39	0%
382	Meter Installations	2.94%	34	0%
383	House Regulators	4.55%	22	0%
384	House Regulators Installations	3.33%	30	0%
385	Industrial Measuring & Regulating Station Equipment	2.27%	45	-2%
387	Other Equipment	4.55%	22	0%
389	Land and Land Rights	0.00%		
390	Structures and Improvements	3.03%	33	0%
390.1	Structures and Improvements - Structure Frame	3.03%	33	0%
390.2	Structures and Improvements - General Improvements	3.03%	33	0%
390.3	Structures and Improvements - Improvements Leased Premises	3.03%	33	0%
391	Office Furniture and Equipment	5.00%	20	0%
392	Transportation Equipment	11.75%	8	6%
392.1	Transportation Equipment less than 12,000 lbs.	11.75%	8	6%
393	Stores Equipment	4.55%	22	0%
394	Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment	5.88%	17	0%
395	Laboratory Equipment	4.00%	25	0%
396	Power Operated Equipment	7.45%	11	18%
396.1	Power Operated Equipment - Ditchers	7.45%	11	18%
396.2	Power Operated Equipment - Backhoes	7.45%	11	18%
396.3	Power Operated Equipment - Welders	7.45%	11	18%
397	Communication Equipment	4.55%	22	0%
397.1	Communication Equipment - Mobile Radios	4.55%	22	0%
397.2	Communication Equipment - Fixed Radios	4.55%	22	0%
397.3	Communication Equipment - Telemetry	4.55%	22	0%
398	Miscellaneous Equipment	5.88%	17	0%
399	Other Tangible Property	4.76%	21	0%
399.3	Other Tangible Prop - Network - H/W	12.50%	8	0%
399.4	Other Tangible Prop - PC Hardware	14.29%	7	0%
399.5	Other Tangible Prop - Software	12.50%	8	0%

Corporate Allocated Plant Depreciation Rates

374	Land and Land Rights - Corporate	0.00%		
390	Structures and Improvements - Corporate	2.50%	40	0%
391	Office Furniture and Equipment - Corporate	5.00%	20	0%
392.1	Transportation Equipment less than 12,000 lbs - Corporate	9.40%	10	6%
394	Tools, Shop, and Garage Equipment - Corporate	5.00%	20	0%
398	Miscellaneous Equipment - Corporate	5.00%	20	0%
399	Other Tangible Property - Corporate	14.29%	7	0%
399.1	Other Tangible Property - Servers - H/W - Corporate	20.00%	5	0%
399.3	Other Tangible Property - Network - H/W - Corporate	14.29%	7	0%
399.4	Other Tangible Property - PC Hardware - Corporate	20.00%	5	0%
399.5	Other Tangible Property - Software - Corporate	14.29%	7	0%