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.)

Case No. GR-2018-0013

LIBERTY UTILITIES' RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING COMMENTS REGARDING PROPOSED NOTICE OF LOCAL HEARINGS

COMES NOW Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty Utilities") and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080, files its Response To Order Directing Comments Regarding Proposed Notice Of Local Hearings ("Response"), and respectfully states as follows:

1. On January 5, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Comments Regarding Proposed Notice Of Local Hearings* which directed that any comments on the proposed notice language should be filed by January 9, 2018.

2. In response to the Order, Liberty Utilities wishes to inform the Commission and the parties that the proposed notice is generally acceptable to the Company. Assuming that the notice is finalized in the very near future, including the details of the Hannibal local hearing, the Company expects to be able to comply with the Commission directive to provide individual notice to each of its natural gas service customers with the approved notice no later than ten days before the local hearings. WHEREFORE, Liberty Utilities respectfully submits its Response to the Order Directing

Comments Regarding Proposed Notice Of Local Hearings. .

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic transmission to the following on this 9^{th} day of January, 2018 the parties of record in the above-referenced proceeding. :

<u>/s/ James M. Fischer</u> James M. Fischer