

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

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty	)	
Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty	)	<b><u>File Nos. WA-2020-0397 and</u></b>
Utilities for Certificates of Convenience and	)	<b><u>SA-2020-0398</u></b>
Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire,	)	Tariff Nos. YW-2022-0195
Construct, Operate, Control, Manage, and	)	YS-2022-0196
Maintain a Water System and Sewer System in	)	
Bolivar, Polk County, Missouri	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve proposed tariff sheets Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed, bearing effective dates of February 1, 2022.

1. The Commission issued its *Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, Asset Transfer, and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity* (Order) on December 8, 2021 granting Liberty certificates of convenience and necessity for the Bolivar water and sewer assets. The Commission ordered Liberty to submit tariff sheets, to become effective before closing.<sup>1</sup>

2. On December 31, 2021, Liberty filed proposed tariff sheets for the water assets, bearing effective dates of February 1, 2022, in both File No. WA-2020-0397 and Tariff Tracking No. YW-2022-0195.

3. Also on December 31, 2021 Liberty filed proposed tariff sheets for the sewer assets, bearing effective dates of February 1, 2022, in only Tariff Tracking

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<sup>1</sup> Order, P. 9.

No. YS-2022-0196. Liberty did not file sewer tariff sheets in File No. WA-2020-0397 on December 31, 2021.<sup>2</sup>

4. On January 5, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by January 18, 2022 regarding Liberty's proposed water tariff sheets.

5. On January 11, 2022, Liberty filed its proposed sewer tariff sheets in File No. WA-2020-0397.

6. On January 11, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by January 18, 2022 regarding Liberty's proposed sewer tariff sheets.

7. On January 18, 2022, Staff requested two days additional time to file its recommendation for both the water and sewer tariff sheets. The Commission granted this request.

8. On January 19, 2022, Liberty filed proposed substitute tariff sheets in both the water and sewer cases to correct minor issues. The substitute tariff sheets are the cover page ("Title Page") and the index ("Sheet No. 1") for both the water and sewer tariff assets.

9. Again on January 19, 2022, Liberty filed a proposed substitute tariff sheet in the water case to correct a minor issue. The substitute tariff sheet is the index sheet ("Sheet No. 1").

10. Staff reviewed Liberty's proposed tariff sheets and determined that the following comply with the Commission's Order and recommends approval:

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<sup>2</sup> The Commission ordered the water and sewer cases consolidated on October 16, 2020, with the water case designated as the lead case.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. Title Page Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. Title Page<sup>3</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1 Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1<sup>4</sup>

Original Sheet No. 2.13<sup>5</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.13<sup>6</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.14<sup>7</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.15<sup>8</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.16<sup>9</sup>

Original Sheet No. 4.7<sup>10</sup>

Original Sheet No. 4.8<sup>11</sup>

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3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1 Canceling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 1<sup>13</sup>

Original Sheet No. 2.5<sup>14</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.5<sup>15</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.6<sup>16</sup>

Original Sheet No. 3.7<sup>17</sup>

Original Sheet No. 4.3<sup>18</sup>

Original Sheet No. 4.4<sup>19</sup>

Original Sheet No. 4.5<sup>20</sup>

11. Counsel confirmed with the Commission's Data Center that Liberty filing the sewer sheets in EFIS, not the filing in the case file, controls the tariff's effective date.

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<sup>3</sup> EFIS Item No. 46 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>4</sup> EFIS Item No. 46 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>5</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>6</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>7</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>8</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>9</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>10</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>11</sup> EFIS Item No. 40 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>12</sup> EFIS Item No. 46 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>13</sup> EFIS Item No. 47 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>14</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>15</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>16</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>17</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>18</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>19</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

<sup>20</sup> EFIS Item No. 42 in WA-2020-0397.

Therefore, if the Commission approves them, all tariff sheets will take effect with 30 days' notice.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission approve Liberty's proposed substitute tariff sheets as listed in paragraph 10, above.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 20th day of January, 2022.

**/s/ Karen E. Bretz**