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**FILING VIA EFIS**

Mr. Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**Re: *Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities***  
**Case No. GR-2018-0013; Tariff Tracking No. \_\_\_\_\_**

Dear Mr. Woodruff:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities' ("Liberty Utilities" or "Company"), transmitted herewith for electronic filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") are revised tariff sheets which set forth revised rate schedules and certain revised charges for all of Liberty Utilities' service territories in the state of Missouri. There is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference **Exhibit No. 1**, which contains (1) a listing and designation of the tariff sheets that are being revised by this filing; and (2) the revised tariff sheets.

The charges contained in the revised tariff sheets are designed to produce an increase in the Company's base distribution rates of approximately \$7.5 million, exclusive of associated taxes, of which approximately \$0.5 million is already being recovered by the Company through its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"), resulting in a net increase of approximately \$7 million. The proposed rate increase is necessary generally to offset or reflect increases in operating costs, the construction of significant new gas service facilities, as well as return requirements on rate base. Liberty Utilities' base rates were last increased effective January 4, 2015, by virtue of Liberty Utilities' previous rate case, Case No. GR-2014-0152.

The increase expressed as a percentage of total residential revenues, including gas revenues, is 14.8%. With this filing, the Company is proposing to consolidate its three rate districts -- Northeast MO ("NEMO"), Southeast MO ("SEMO") and Western MO ("WEMO") -- into a single district with a uniform charge for delivery. After deducting

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the ISRS charges already being collected, the approximate incremental portion of the increase for a residential customer with average usage would be as follows: NEMO -- \$2.06 a month; SEMO -- \$14.09 a month; and WEMO -- \$7.62 a month. The impact by service area can be found in the attached MFR Exhibit No. 2, Schedule 3.

Additional information regarding the proposed general rate increase and other proposed changes are also contained in the attached **MFR Exhibit No. 2**, which contains the Minimum Filing Requirements specified by 4 CSR 240-3.030(3)(B) of the Commission's Rules.

By electronic filing, Liberty Utilities is also today submitting its direct testimony, in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.065(1) of the Commission's Rules. This testimony is provided by the following Liberty Utility witnesses: David Swain, Jill Schwartz, Charlie Evans, Charlotte North, John Ostrander, Michael Beatty, Brent Baker, Jeffrey Lee, Ashley Hiatt, Timothy Lyons, Keith Magee and Robert Hevert.

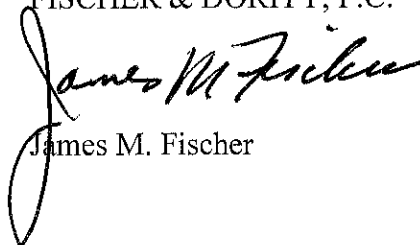
The revised tariff sheets filed herewith contain an issue date of September 29, 2017 with a proposed effective date of October 29, 2017. A copy of this entire filing will be provided to the Commission's General Counsel and to the Office of the Public Counsel.

Would you please bring this filing to the attention of the appropriate Commission personnel and see that a copy of all correspondence, notices, orders and other communications in connection with this matter and proceeding are furnished to Jill Schwartz, Senior Manager of Rates and Regulatory Affairs, Liberty Utilities, 602 South Joplin Avenue, Joplin, MO 64802, [Jill.Schwartz@libertyutilities.com](mailto:Jill.Schwartz@libertyutilities.com), as well as to the undersigned counsel.

Very truly yours,

FISCHER & DORITY, P.C.

By:



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cc: General Counsel's Office  
The Office of the Public Counsel  
Enclosures