BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application for a Rate Increase Request for Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities

<u>Case No. WR-2018-0170</u> Tracking No. YW-2019-0089 Tracking No. YS-2019-0090

STAFF'S COMPLIANCE TARIFF RECOMMENDATION

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and hereby submits this *Staff's Compliance Tariff Recommendation*.

1. On October 24, 2018, the Commission issued its *Report and Order* (Order) in the above-styled case. The *Report and Order* directed Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty Utilities or Company) to file tariff sheets sufficient to recover revenues approved in compliance with the Order no later than November 5, 2018; the Order further directed Staff to file its recommendation concerning approval of Liberty Utilities' compliance tariff sheets no later than November 8, 2018.

2. On November 5, 2018, Liberty Utilities filed its compliance tariff sheets (the November 5 Sheets)¹ to recover the Commission authorized revenues.

Staff requested on November 8, 2018, and was granted on November 9,
2018, an extension of time in which to file its recommendation.

4. Liberty Utilities withdrew the November 5 Sheets and filed New Tariff Sheets on November 8, 2018, consisting of two new consolidated water and sewer

¹ The Tariff Revisions were designated with the following file numbers: YS-2019-0081, YS-2019-0082, YW-2019-0078, YW-2019-0079, and YW-2019-0080. *See* EFIS Item 147.

tariffs, as substituted on November 15, 2018 (New Tariff Sheets); the New Tariff Sheets were designated with file numbers YW-2019-0089 and YS-2019-0090.

5. The New Tariff Sheets replace and consolidate current water tariff books P.S.C. MO Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 with P.S.C. MO No. 14 and sewer tariff books P.S.C. MO Nos. 1, 2, and 6 with P.S.C. MO No. 15. Staff and Liberty Utilities agreed to this consolidation in the May 24, 2018, Partial Disposition Agreement, which the Commission subsequently approved in its *Report and Order*.

6. After review, Staff concludes that the filings comply with the Commission's October 12, 2018, *Report and Order*. Thus, Staff recommends approval of:

<u>P.S.C. Mo. No. 14</u> cancelling <u>P.S.C. Mo. Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5</u> Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 19.1; and <u>P.S.C. Mo. No. 15</u> cancelling <u>P.S.C. Mo. Nos. 1, 2, and 6</u> Original Sheet No. 1 through Original Sheet No. 17.2

7. Staff is not opposed to Liberty Utilities' request that the Commission allow the tariffs to go into effect on December 1, 2018.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will approve the filed compliance tariffs, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

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Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 15th day of November, 2018.

<u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>

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Case No. WR-2018-0170

AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. BARNES

State of Missouri)) ss County of Cole)

COMES NOW Matthew J. Barnes, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff's Compliance Tariff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

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Matthew J. Barnes

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Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 154 day of November, 2018.

Dianna L. Vairy