

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of March, 2019.

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates)	
Natural Gas) Corp d/b/a Liberty Utilities)	File No. GT-2019-0268
Filing of its Revised Weather)	Tracking No. JG-2019-0170
Normalization Adjustment Rider Tariff)	

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND GRANTING MOTION
FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: March 27, 2019

Effective Date: April 1, 2019

On March 15, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty Utilities) filed proposed revisions to its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) tariff sheets and a Motion for Expedited Treatment. The changes to the WNAR tariff sheets will reduce rates to Liberty Utilities' residential and small general service customers. Liberty Utilities had previously been granted a temporary variance from the provisions of its tariff that would have required this filing be made on March 1, 2019, instead of March 15, 2019. Liberty Utilities requests that the Commission grant expedited approval of the revised tariff sheets so that the rate reduction can take effect on April 1, 2019, as contemplated in its tariffs, rather than April 15, 2019, the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets. Liberty Utilities stated that an expedited effective date is warranted so that customers' rates will be reduced sooner. Liberty Utilities filed substitute tariff sheets on March 21, 2019.

On March 22, 2019, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation. Staff reviewed the tariff sheets submitted by Liberty

Utilities and recommended that the Commission approve them as substituted. Staff also stated that it believes that the tariff sheets should be allowed to become effective on an expedited basis so that customers will receive the benefit of the reduced rates sooner. Staff stated that the previous period experienced colder weather than normal in Liberty Utilities' rate districts causing the proposed rates for all classes to be reduced. Staff stated that a residential customer that used 100 ccf in a given billing month would see an approximate \$1.13 reduction in their bill if located in the northeast or west districts, and an approximate \$0.16 reduction if located in the southeast district. No other responses to Liberty Utilities' motion were received.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets as substituted and Staff's recommendation and finds that the tariff sheets should be approved. The Commission has also reviewed the motion for expedited treatment and finds that good cause exists under Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016, to expedite the effective date of the tariff sheets. In addition, the Commission will exercise its discretion under Section 386.490.2, RSMo 2016 to make this order effective in less than thirty days so that the order will be effective concurrently with the tariff sheets. Therefore, the Commission will approve these tariff sheets, as substituted, to become effective on April 1, 2019.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Motion for Expedited Treatment filed by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities on March 15, 2019, is granted.
2. The tariff sheets filed by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities on March 15, 2019 (Tariff Tracking No. JG-2019-0170), as substituted, are approved to become effective on April 1, 2019.

3. This order shall become effective on April 1, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge