

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of November, 2019.

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates)	<u>File No. GR-2020-0126</u>
Natural Gas) Corp, d/b/a Liberty Utilities')	Tariff No. YG-2020-0075
Purchased Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 21, 2019

Effective Date: December 4, 2019

On November 4, 2019, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed a tariff sheet proposed to become effective December 4, 2019. The tariff sheet reflects proposed scheduled changes in Liberty's Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factors as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas for the upcoming winter season, as well as changes in the Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) factors.

Changes in the PGA factor applicable to the Liberty West Area (WEMO) will increase the total PGA by \$0.02588 per Ccf from \$0.31083 per Ccf to \$0.33671 per Ccf. For Liberty's Kirksville Area the PGA factor will decrease the total PGA by \$0.0585 per Ccf from \$0.37489 per Ccf to \$0.31639 per Ccf. For Liberty's Northeast Area (NEMO) this tariff filing will decrease the total PGA by \$0.00490 per Ccf from \$0.37002 per Ccf to \$0.36512 per Ccf. The PGA factor for Liberty's Southeast Area will also decrease by \$0.12395 per Ccf from \$0.47645 per Ccf to \$0.35250 per Ccf. Liberty's filing also includes adjustments to the ACA factors.

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation on November 15, 2019. Staff recommended the PGA rates be approved on an interim

basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and the final decision in File No. GR-2019-0123, which was established to track Liberty's PGA factors in its 2017-2018 ACA filing. The Procurement Analysis Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff will review Liberty's ACA filing and requests permission to submit its results and recommendations on or before December 15, 2020.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheets conform to Liberty's Commission-approved PGA Clause. In addition, because Liberty's PGA clause allows for PGA change filings to take effect on ten-days' notice,¹ good cause has been shown pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo 2016, to permit the tariff to become effective on less than 30-days' notice. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheets should be approved to become effective on December 4, 2019, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2019-0123. So that the tariff will become effective on December 4, 2019, this order will become effective in less than 30 days after its issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheet filed on November 4, 2019, assigned Tracking Number YG-2020-0075, and bearing an effective date of December 4, 2019, is approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File No. GR-2019-0123. The tariff sheet approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

26th Revised Sheet No. 44, Cancelling 25th Revised Sheet No. 44

¹ Missouri Public Service Commission Gas Tariff of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty Utilities, P.S.C. MO. No. 2, Sheet Nos. 40 and 41.

2. Staff shall submit its results and recommendations regarding the information included in the November 4, 2019 ACA filing on or before December 15, 2020.

3. This order shall become effective on December 4, 2019.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge