

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

In the Matter of the Pre-Qualification Process for Contractors)
 Seeking to Participate in Competitive Bidding to Install ISRS-)
 Eligible Gas Utility Plant Projects for Liberty Utilities) File No. _____
 (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty)

LIBERTY'S VERIFIED STATEMENT AND NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE

COMES NOW Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (the “Company” or “Liberty”), by and through counsel, and files this Verified Statement and Notice of Compliance regarding the Company’s pre-qualification process for competitive bidding of ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects. In this regard, Liberty respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. The Company is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Missouri and is primarily engaged in the business of distributing and transporting natural gas to approximately 55,000 customers in the West, Northeast and Southeast portions of Missouri. A Certificate of Good Standing evidencing Liberty's standing to do business in Missouri was attached as Exhibit 1 to the Application filed in Case No. GE-2019-0251. The information on such Certificate is currently applicable and correct.

2. The Company is a “gas corporation” and a “public utility,” as those terms are defined by RSMo. §386.020 and, therefore, is subject to the general regulatory jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.

3. Liberty has no pending actions or final unsatisfied judgments or decisions against it from any state or federal agency or court which involve customer service or rates, and Liberty is current on its annual report and assessment fee obligations to the Commission, and no such report or assessment fee is overdue.

4. RSMo. §§393.1009, 393.1012, and 393.1015 authorize eligible gas corporations to recover certain infrastructure replacement costs through the implementation of an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”).

5. Effective August 28, 2020, RSMo. §393.1012 requires gas corporations, like Liberty, to develop and file with the Commission its pre-qualification process for contractors seeking to participate in competitive bidding to install ISRS-eligible gas utility plant and to file verification that the gas corporation has a process in place that conforms to the statutory requirements.

6. Pursuant to RSMo. §393.1012, Liberty, as verified below, confirms that it has in place a process for a pre-qualification for competitive bidding of ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects and that this process conforms to the requirements of the ISRS statute.

7. The Company’s process has been in place for many years and was reviewed for compliance with the requirements of the ISRS statute following enactment of the changes, effective August 28, 2020, to RSMo. §393.1012.

8. As communicated on February 4, 2021, in Commission Case No. GT-2021-0073, the Company’s pre-qualification process is as follows:

All contractors wanting to perform work for Liberty must be ISNetworld with an acceptable grade of A, B or C. To obtain an acceptable grade, the contractor must provide insurance, all employees’ operator qualification (OQ) records, current drug and alcohol policy, and documentation if they have had an OSHA recordable incident. Any contractor may apply to ISNetworld but their score is directly related to the information they submit. For a contractor to bid on any of the Company’s ISRS-eligible projects, they must maintain the score mentioned above and have all the criteria also mentioned above.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully submits this Verified Statement and Notice of Compliance and requests that the Commission accept this filing as evidence of the Company’s compliance with the contractor pre-qualification process requirements of RSMo. §393.1012.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERIFICATION

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty, and pursuant to RSMo. §393.1012 and Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(1)(M), the undersigned, upon his oath and under penalty of perjury, hereby states that the above filing is true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge, and belief and confirms that Liberty has in place a process for a pre-qualification for competitive bidding of ISRS-eligible gas utility plant projects and that this process conforms to the requirements of the ISRS statute.

/s/ Mike Beatty

Liberty Central Region Vice President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 30th day of December, 2021, and sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter