

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities’ Tariff Revisions Designed to Implement a General Rate Increase for Natural Gas Service in the Missouri Service Areas of the Company)) **Case No. GR-2014-0152**
) **Tariff No. YG-2014-0320**
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MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY
APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Economic Development –

Division of Energy¹ (Division of Energy) and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission issue its order granting the Division of Energy’s Application to Intervene. For its Application, the Division of Energy states as follows:

1. On February 6, 2014, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a/ Liberty Utilities (Liberty) submitted to the Missouri Public Service Commission revised tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase. On February 7, 2014 the Commission issued an Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Setting Hearings, and Directing Filings. In its February 7, 2014 Order, the Commission established an intervention deadline of no later than February 27, 2014, and scheduled a prehearing conference on March 13, 2014.
2. The Division of Energy is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo.

¹ The Division of Energy was transferred from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the Department of Economic Development (DED) on August 29, 2013 by Executive Order 13-03. The Executive Order transfers “[A]ll authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to the Missouri Department of Economic Development...”

3. The Division of Energy has an interest different than that of the general public, and its intervention will serve a public interest in that the Division of Energy will be looking at the proposed filing from a formal policy and planning perspective. The Division of Energy's review also will be in relation to the mandate set forth in Section 640.150, RSMo. which includes planning for energy resource development; analyzing energy management issues; consulting and cooperating with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; assessing the potential impacts on environmental quality; and analyzing the potential for increased use of energy alternatives and making recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.

4. Communications, correspondence, orders and decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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5. The Division of Energy is uncertain at this time of the position it will take regarding the relief sought by Liberty Utilities in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Division of Energy respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 26th day of February, 2014.

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