

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Empire District Electric)
Company, Empire District Gas Company,)
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a)
Liberty Utilities, Liberty Utilities (Midstates) File No. AO-2020-0335
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities)
(MNG) Motion for Temporary Variances)
Regarding Electric, Gas, Water, and Sewer)
Tariffs and the Impact of COVID-19 on)
Missouri Customers)

ORDER DIRECTING REPLY REGARDING TARIFFS

Issue Date: May 12, 2020

Effective Date: May 12, 2020

On April 23, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., all Liberty Utilities companies (collectively Liberty Utilities), filed an application entitled *Informational Filing, Motion for Temporary Variances, Request for Approval of Temporary Tariffs, and Motion for Waiver*. The application is intended to clarify and facilitate the companies' actions in response to the COVID-19 virus. The application was accompanied by revised tariffs that carry a May 23, 2020, effective date.

The Commission's Staff responded to Liberty Utilities' filing on May 6, 2020. Public Counsel responded to Liberty Utilities' filing and to Staff's response on May 7, 2020. Both Staff and Public Counsel advised the Commission to reject the proposed tariffs as unnecessary. Liberty Utilities replied to those recommendations on May 11, 2020, defending the need for the new tariffs. The Commission will direct Staff and Public Counsel to reply to Liberty Utilities' response.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff and Public Counsel shall reply to the response of Liberty Utilities regarding its proposed tariffs no later than May 15, 2020.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of May, 2020.