

# 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 ESTABLISHING TIME TO RESPOND

Issue Date: April 24, 2020

Effective Date: April 24, 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, 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 will direct Staff and Public Counsel to respond.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel shall respond to The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.'s application no later than May 6, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.