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Before the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri

**Supplemental True-up Direct Testimony** 

of

**Charles Evans** 

On behalf of

Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities

May 2018



#### SUPPLEMENT TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY OF CHARLES EVANS LIBERTY UTILITIES BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE NO. GR-2018-0013

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I.

#### WITNESS IDENTIFICATION

#### 2 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- A. My name is Charles Evans. My business address is 2751 North High Street,
  Jackson, Missouri.
- Q. ARE YOU THE SAME CHARLES EVANS WHO PREVIOUSLY FILED
   DIRECT, REBUTTAL AND TRUE-UP DIRECT TESTIMONY IN THIS
   PROCEEDING ON BEHALF OF LIBERTY UTILITIES?
- 8 A. Yes.

#### 9 <u>II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY</u>

#### 10 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TRUE-

#### 11 UP TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

A. The purpose of my supplemental true-up testimony is to sponsor the supplemental accounting schedules that update and/or true-up various components of the Company's proposed revenue requirement in this case. These include an update of all rate-base and plant-in-service additions through March 31, 2018, and an update and/or trued up of certain known and measurable changes in operating expenses and revenues that occurred beyond the June 30, 2017 ending date of the test year in this case. These items are being included either through the December

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31, 2017 ending date of the update period in this case or through March 31, 2018
 ending date of the true-up period in this case.

#### 3 III. REASONS FOR SUPPLEMENTING TESTIMONY

## 4 Q. WHY IS THE COMPANY SUPPLEMENTING ITS TRUE-UP FILING IN 5 THIS WAY?

A. As explained in the Motion filed by the Company on this same date, the Staff 6 advised Liberty Utilities that its ability to audit and respond to the Company's 7 true-up filing had been compromised by the fact the Company had updated all 8 revenue, expense and rate base items through December 31, 2017. In contrast, 9 while the Staff apparently anticipated that all rate base items would be updated 10 through the March 31, 2018 ending date for true up period, only select revenue 11 and operating changes would be recognized beyond the June 30, 2017 ending date 12 of the test year. Although the Company believes that its true-up filing was in full 13 accord with the test year, update and true-up requirements recommended by the 14 parties and approved by the Commission in this case, we want to be as responsive 15 as possible to the Staff's auditing needs. I am therefore sponsoring accounting 16 schedules that restate our revenues and expenses in a manner that I believe is 17 more consistent with Staff's expectation. Our accounting schedules relating to 18 19 rate base remain unchanged.

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#### IV. CURRENT REVENUE DEFICIENCY

## 21Q.WHAT IMPACT DOES THIS RESTATEMENT OF REVENUES AND22EXPENSES HAVE ON THE REVENUE DEFICIENCY THAT THE

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# 1COMPANYPREVIOUSLYIDENTIFIEDINTHETRUE-UP2TESTIMONY IT FILED ON APRIL 30, 2018.

A. As shown by the true-up accounting schedules filed on April 20, 2018, the
revenue deficiency identified by the Company in that filing as of March 31, 2018
was \$7,132,577. The revenue deficiency identified by the restated accounting
schedules filed today is \$7,858,172, or about 10% more than what was previously
identified by the Company.

### 8 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL DIRECT TRUE-UP

- 9 **TESTIMONY**?
- 10 A. Yes, it does.

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLIE EVANS**

STATE OF MISSOURI SS **COUNTY OF CAPE GIRARDEAU** 

On the <u>4th</u> day of May, 2018, before me appeared Charlie Evans, to me personally known, who, being by me first duly sworn, states that he is Manager of Special Projects of Liberty Utilities - Central Region and acknowledges that he has read the above and foregoing document and believes that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

**Charlie Evans** 

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>4th</u> day of May, 2018.

Mena n Welker Notary Public

My commission expires: Maya 2020

