# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty	)	
Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.	)	
d/b/a Liberty for an Order Granting Billing	)	File No. GE-2024-0046
Variances Related to the Company's	)	
Implementation of its Customer First	)	
Program	)	

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through counsel, and for *Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Tariff* states as follows.

- 1. On October 4, 2023, the Commission granted Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty") amended application for billing variances related to its implementation of its Customer First Program subject to conditions set forth by Staff and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"). The Order further granted a variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-13.065(2) and waiver of the 60-day notice requirement.
- 2. On October 6, 2023, Liberty filed a Tariff Revision, as required by 20 CSR 4240-13.065(3) and in compliance with the Commission Order, and Motion for Expedited Treatment and Approval of Tariff Sheet ("Motion"). "Liberty requests expedited action on its tariff sheet filing. As the Order has been issued granting the requested variance, the tariff sheet simply recites the operative provisions of the Order, and the Commission Rule provides that the granted variances must be reflected in a tariff, good cause exists for the tariff sheet to take effect on less than thirty days' notice and no harm to Liberty's customers or the general public will result from the grant of the Motion." The tariff has an effective date of November 5, 2023.
- 3. On October 10, 2023, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation or status report regarding the Motion and revised tariff by October 16, 2023.

4. Staff reviewed Liberty's revised tariff sheet and determined that the following comply with the Commission's Order and recommends approval:

### P.S.C. MO NO. 2

1st Revised Sheet No. 18 Cancelling Original Sheet No. 18

- 5. Staff attaches affidavits with this pleading verifying its review.
- 6. Liberty's Motion for Expedited Treatment contained a request that the tariff take effect on less than thirty days notice, as no harm would come to Liberty's customers or the general public with a grant of this Motion. Staff agrees good cause exists to waive the 30-day notice requirement.

**WHEREFORE,** Staff respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation* and hereby recommends the Commission approve Liberty's Motion for Expedited Treatment and Liberty's revised tariff sheet as listed in paragraph 4 to go into effect on November 5, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

#### /s/ J. Scott Stacey

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

/s/ J. Scott Stacey

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AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES	<b>S TYR</b>	ONE THOMASON

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
	)	S
COUNTY OF COLE	)	

**COMES NOW** Charles Tyrone Thomason, and on his oath states that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

LANGE TYPONE THOMASON

#### **JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 12th day of October 2023.

Dianus L. Vaust Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
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	AFFIDAVIT O	OF KIM COX	
STATE OF MISSOURI	) ) ss		
COUNTY OF COLE	)		

**COMES NOW** Kim Cox, and on her oath states that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*, in *Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

Kim Cox

#### **JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of October 2023.

Danna L. Vaust

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