BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of Liberty Utilities |) | |
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| (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a |) | File No. GR-2023-0253 |
| Liberty's Purchased Gas Adjustment |) | Tracking No. JG-2024-0059 |
| (PGA) Tariff Filing |) | - |

ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF

Issue Date: November 22, 2023 Effective Date: December 3, 2023

On November 3, 2023, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty Midstates) filed a proposed tariff sheet to reduce its Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor for its West Area, Kirksville, Northeast Area, and Southeast Area service areas as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of December 3, 2023.

The Commission directed that no later than November 16, 2023, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) file a recommendation and that any other party wishing to do so file a response to Staff's recommendation or to the tariff sheet no later than November 20, 2023. Staff filed a recommendation on November 14, 2023. No other party filed a response.

According to Liberty Midstates, the proposed PGA tariff sheet will decrease the firm PGA rate for the Liberty West Area (WEMO), from the current \$1.27897 per Ccf (100 cubic feet) to \$0.86923 per Ccf. For the Kirksville area, the proposed PGA tariff sheet will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.91851 per Ccf to \$0.54489. For the Northeast Area (NEMO), the proposed tariff sheet will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.97910 per Ccf to \$0.54904 per Ccf. And, for the Southeast Area (SEMO),

the proposed PGA tariff sheet will decrease the firm PGA rate from the current \$0.94475 per Ccf to \$0.48712 per Ccf.

In its recommendation, Staff explained that this file was established to track Liberty Midstates' PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2022-2023 Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA) filing. Staff recommends the proposed rate changes be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2023-0128 (2021-2022 ACA period) and GR-2023-0253 (2022-2023 ACA period).

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Liberty Midstates' Commission-approved PGA tariff. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on December 3, 2023, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File Nos. GR-2023-0128 and GR-2023-0253.

Additionally, Staff asks that the Commission direct that Staff's ACA filing in this file be submitted on or before December 16, 2024. The Commission finds that request reasonable and will grant it.

The Commission finds it reasonable for this order to be effective in less than 30 days so the order will be effective at the same time as the tariff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheet assigned Tracking No. JG-2024-0059, is approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File Nos. GR-2023-0128 and GR-2023-0253. The tariff sheet approved is:

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- 2. Staff shall file its ACA filing in this file no later than December 16, 2024.
- 3. This order shall become effective on December 3, 2023.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22nd day of November, 2023.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of November 2023.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION November 22, 2023

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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