



February 9, 2024

***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

Ms. Nancy Dippell, Secretary & Chief Regulatory Law Judge  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty  
General Rate Case Filing – Case No. GR-2024-0106**

Dear Judge Dippell:

On behalf of Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”), I am providing herewith to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) for filing, in electronic form, certain tariff sheets which are designed to increase Liberty’s annual base distribution gas revenues by approximately \$13.1 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise, or occupational fees or taxes. Approximately \$1.9 million of the base rate revenue deficiency is currently being recovered through the Company’s Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”) tariff schedule, which will be set to zero after this proceeding. As such, the net revenue increase is approximately \$11.2 million or 32.57%.

The Company is requesting that the Commission allow it to continue its ISRS and receive rate recovery of the property tax tracker established by Senate Bill 745.

The specific tariff sheets being submitted are shown on the attached **Exhibit A**. All of these tariff sheets bear a date of issue of February 9, 2024, and an effective date thirty days thereafter.

In accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.065(1), also being provided in electronic form are the verified direct testimonies and schedules of the following Liberty witnesses:

<b>Witness</b>	<b>Topics</b>
Michael D. Beatty, President of Natural Gas Operations	Policy, Rate Case Overview, Introduction of Witnesses
Michael McCuen, Director of U.S. Tax Planning & Strategy	Excess ADIT
Lauren Preston, Vice President of Customer Care	Customer First Program
Charlotte T. Emery, Senior Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs	Revenue Requirement and Expense Adjustments
Meagan Grafton, Manager of Rates and Regulatory Affairs	Minimum Filing Requirements

Ron Snider, Director of Regional Operations	Capital Expenditures since last rate case for SEMO District
Jeff McChristian, Director of Gas Operations	Capital Expenditures since last rate case for NEMO & SEMO Districts
Nathaniel W. Hackney, Manager of Customer Assistance Programs	Proposed Customer Assistance Programs
Kimberly Drago, Director of Key Accounts and Energy Efficiency Programs	Proposed changes to energy conservation and efficiency programs
Tatiana Earhart, Manager of Gas Supply Operations	Proposed changes to Liberty's Natural Gas Transportation Tariff and School Transportation Service Program Tariff
John Cochrane	Rate of Return (Capital Structure/ROE/Cost of Debt)
Eric Fox	Weather Normalization Study
Timothy S. Lyons	CCOS, Rate Design and Cash Working Capital
Dane A. Watson	Depreciation
James A. Fallert	Pension/OPEB

The proposed rate increase is necessary because current authorized rates do not reflect Liberty's actual cost of service, nor allow it to earn a reasonable return on investments it has made to benefit customers. Liberty's base rates were last increased effective July 1, 2018 by virtue of Liberty's previous rate case, File No. GR-2018-0013.

The remaining information required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-3.030(3)(B) is being filed herein as part of the Direct Testimony of Liberty witness Meagan Grafton, including:

1. the amount of dollars of the aggregate annual increase and percentage of increase over current revenues;
2. names of counties and communities affected;
3. the number of customers to be affected in each general category of service and for all rate classifications within each general category of service;
4. the average change requested in dollars and percentage change from current rates for each general category of service and for all rate classifications;
5. the proposed annual aggregate change by general categories of service and by rate classifications, including dollar amounts and percentage change in revenues;
6. any press releases relative to the filing; and
7. a summary of the reasons for the proposed schedule changes.

A copy of this letter and filing is being provided to the Staff Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns, and please bring these filings to the attention of the Commissioners and the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,

*Jermaine Grubbs*

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Director of Legal Services

Enclosures

cc: James Fischer  
Diana Carter  
The Office of the Public Counsel  
Counsel for the Staff of the Commission

## Exhibit A

<b>Tariff Sheet No.</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Type of Revision</b>
2	6 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Revised to add Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge tariff description
19	14 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Rate Change
22	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Rate Change
24	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Rate Change
26	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Rate Change
28	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Rate Change
30	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Rate Change
33	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Schedule Name Revision
50	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Language and Name Change
51	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation
52	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Language Change
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59.1	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Language Change
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59.3	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Language Change
59.4	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Language Change
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64	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Language Change
65	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Language Change
66	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Language Change
66.1	Original	Language Change
66.2	Original	Language Change
67	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	Language Change, coefficient change
67.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Reference Change and Rate Change
68	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Language Change
69	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Language Change
70	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Reference and Language Change
111	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation
112	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation and Language Change
112.1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation and Language Change

112.2	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation and Language Change
112.3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation and Language Change
112.4	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation
112.5	Original	Language Change
113	1 <sup>st</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation
115	3 <sup>rd</sup> Revised	Language Change
116	4 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Change Name of Issuing Corporation and Language Change
117	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Reserved For Future Use
118	5 <sup>th</sup> Revised	Reserved For Future Use