

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Request of Liberty)	
Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.)	<u>File No. GR-2024-0106</u>
d/b/a Liberty to Implement a General Rate)	Tracking No. JG-2024-0111
Increase for Natural Gas Service in the)	
Missouri Service Areas of the Company)	

**ORDER GIVING NOTICE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE,
SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE TEST YEAR, AND
DIRECTING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: February 15, 2024

Effective Date: February 15, 2024

On February 9, 2024,¹ Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or “the Company”) filed proposed tariff sheets to increase its annual revenues by a total of \$13.1 million, with the net increase being \$11.2 million as \$1.9 million is already being recovered through the Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS). The net revenue increase of \$11.2 million is an approximately 32.57% increase. The Company is also proposing to consolidate the cost of service/revenue requirements of its Northeast/West and Southeast districts. The tariff sheets have a proposed effective date of March 10.

Liberty proposes a test year of the twelve months ending December 31, 2022, and further proposes the test year be updated through December 31, 2023.² The Company is not requesting a true-up process.

The Commission will provide notice of Liberty’s filing, provide time for intervention, and set a deadline to respond to the proposed test year. Unless requested, the

¹ All dates refer to 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

² Emery Direct, p. 8.

Commission will not schedule a procedural conference. The Commission will order the submission of a joint proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Conclude the evidentiary hearing by October 22, 2024;
- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and submission of Position Statements due at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- At least **two** settlement conferences;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Allowance for at least five business days for transcript preparation;
- Local public hearings; and
- Evidentiary hearing.

The Commission will request expedited transcripts to be returned to the Commission no later than five business days after the evidentiary hearing concludes. Any further request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county having a Liberty service area.

2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Liberty's service areas and to the news media serving therein.

3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than March 6, 2024, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

4. Any party wishing to respond Liberty's proposed test year shall do so no later than March 13, 2024.

5. No later than March 27, 2024, the parties shall jointly submit, if possible, a proposed procedural schedule as described in this order, or a status report. The Staff of the Commission shall coordinate and file the joint proposed procedural schedule.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

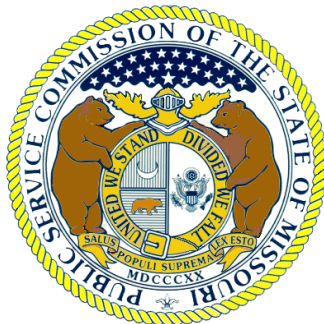
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 15th day of February, 2024.

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 15th day of February 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 15, 2024

File/Case No. GR-2024-0106

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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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