

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

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

**FILING OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through the undersigned counsel, and on behalf of itself, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty Midstates”), the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and Missouri School Board Association (“MSBA”) (collectively, the “parties”), hereby respectfully submits this *Filing of Local Public Hearing Notice*:

1. On February 9, 2024, Liberty Midstates filed its application for the purpose of making changes to its respective charges for natural gas service.
2. On April 10, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* and ordered Staff to work directly with the regulatory law judge to identify dates for local public hearings in late August or early September 2024. The parties have been in contact with the regulatory law judge regarding setting locations and dates, however, had not come to a resolution on the specifics.
3. The parties have agreed upon the language contained in the notice, attached hereto as Appendix A. In order for Liberty Midstates to attach the notice to customers’ July bills, an order from the Commission approving the notice and identifying the exact meeting locations for the in-person local public hearings must be issued no later than June 15, 2024.

4. The dates, times and locations of the local public hearings proposed by the parties are as follows:

- a. August 26, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Butler, Missouri;
- b. August 28, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. in Kirksville, Missouri;
- c. August 28, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Hannibal, Missouri;
- d. September 11, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Kennett, Missouri;
- e. September 12, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. in Sikeston, Missouri;
- f. September 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in Cape Girardeau, Missouri; and
- g. Two virtual local public hearings on September 16, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. and September 17, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**WHEREFORE**, the parties respectfully submit this *Filing of Local Public Hearing Notice*, and pray the Commission accept the same.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**

Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty Midstates”) has filed a rate increase request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“PSC”). The requested increase would total approximately \$11.2 million for an approximate increase of 32.57% in the territory served as Liberty Midstates. However, the Public Service Commission may also exceed the utility’s requested increase or limit it.

The proposed base rates increase monthly bills for a residential customer using 54 CCF per month by: \$15.00 or 20.60% in NEMO; \$15.00 or 16.60% in WEMO; and \$15.87 or 28.00% in SEMO. 54 CCF represents the combined average of monthly usage for residential customers in the NEMO, WEMO, and SEMO service areas. Please note that this increase is for the *average residential customer* and individual bills may be higher or lower than the increase summarized here.

The Company is requesting that the Commission allow it to continue its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (“ISRS”) and receive rate recovery of the property tax tracker established by Senate Bill 745.

**Local Public Hearing Information**

The PSC is holding public hearings where customers can ask questions and testify about Liberty’s rate request. Customers are encouraged to participate in the hearings.

Each hearing is divided into two parts. In the first part, you may ask questions of Liberty, the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), and the PSC Staff. The PSC Commissioners and the regulatory law judge will not attend the informal question and answer session. Your questions and the answers provided will not be part of the evidence the PSC reviews. In the second part, PSC Commissioners and a regulatory law judge will be present, and you may testify as part of the official record of the case.

Public hearings will be held in person and virtually according to the following schedule:

<b>In Person Public Hearings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
August 26	Butler	6:00 p.m.
August 28	Kirkville	Noon
August 28	Hannibal	6:00 p.m.
September 11	Kennett	6:00 p.m.
September 12	Sikeston	Noon
September 12	Cape Girardeau	6:00 p.m.

Anyone is welcome to attend the in-person local public hearings at the addresses and times listed above.

<b>Virtual Public Hearings</b>		
<b>Date</b>	<b>Dial-In Information</b>	<b>Start Time</b>
September 16	<b>Dial 1-855-718-6621</b> Access Code: XXXXXXXX Password: XXXX	Noon
September 17	<b>Dial 1-855-718-6621</b> Access Code: XXXXXXXX Password: XXXX	6:00 p.m.

To attend a virtual local public hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call the number listed in the table above, listen to the prompt and enter the corresponding meeting number listed above followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter the corresponding password listed above. To attend a virtual local public hearing by WebEx video (internet), visit the website [www.webex.com](http://www.webex.com). You can also download the Cisco WebEx meetings application on your mobile device, laptop, desktop, or tablet prior to the hearing and join the meeting at the hearing time by entering the corresponding meeting number and password listed above.

To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the WebEx question-and-answer session or make comment to the Commission during a WebEx hearing shall register by calling 800-392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing.

Any individuals needing special accommodations to participate in the hearings should contact the PSC at least **ten days prior to the hearing** at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541.

**Additional Ways to Provide Comments and Feedback**

If you are unable to attend a public hearing, or if you would like to make written comments or receive additional information, you may contact the PSC directly at:

Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102  
Telephone: (800) 392-4211  
Email: [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov)

In addition, you may also provide comments or request additional information from the OPC, a state agency tasked with representing the interests of the public in proceedings before the PSC, by contacting the OPC directly at:

Office of the Public Counsel  
P.O. Box 2230  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102  
Telephone: (866) 922-2959 (toll free) or (573) 751-4857  
Email: [opcservice@opc.mo.gov](mailto:opcservice@opc.mo.gov)

Comments may also be submitted electronically using the PSC's Electronic Filing Information System ("EFIS") at [https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit\\_Comments](https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments). From this webpage, click on "Submit comments" under the heading "Submit Comments in Writing." When submitting comments please reference File No. GR-2024-0106.

All documents filed as part of the rate review can be found on the PSC's EFIS at [psc.mo.gov/general/efis](https://psc.mo.gov/general/efis), click on "Docket Sheet" under the heading "EFIS Shortcuts," and enter Case No. GR-2024-0106.