

**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 to Implement a General Rate        )  
Increase for Natural Gas Service in the            )  
Missouri Service Areas of the Company            )

**File No. GR-2024-0106**

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE**

Issue Date: August 1, 2024

Effective Date: August 1, 2024

On July 10, 2024, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty or “the Company”) filed a Motion for Protective Order (Motion). Liberty stated it seeks the designation of “Highly Confidential” for certain information and documents.<sup>1</sup> The Company stated the following information will need to be designated as “Highly Confidential”: the negotiated terms and conditions of contracts; pricing information for certain customers; board of directors materials; and information regarding system planning and forecasting.<sup>2</sup> The Motion states that the Highly Confidential designation will prevent the creation of a competitive advantage for parties to this file over Liberty and non-party competitors.<sup>3</sup>

Before ruling on the request, the Commission would like more information regarding each of the four categories of information that the Motion seeks to protect. Specifically, the Commission seeks:

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<sup>1</sup> Motion, para. 2.  
<sup>2</sup> Motion, para. 5.  
<sup>3</sup> Motion, para. 6.

- additional information on the particular pieces of information that is sought to be protected for each of the four categories;
- additional information regarding the harm that might occur to the public or to Liberty if the information is disclosed for each of the four categories; and
- how the information may be disclosed while protecting the interests of the disclosing entity and the public for each of the four categories.

The Commission will set a time for Liberty to respond and for responses to Liberty's response.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Liberty shall file its responses to the order no later than August 6, 2024.
2. Responses to Liberty's response shall be filed no later than August 8, 2024;

however, no party is required to respond.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



*Nancy Dippell*

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 the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of August 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**August 1, 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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