

**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) Case No. GR-2024-0106
Increase for Natural Gas Service in the)
Missouri Service Areas of the Company)

DECLARATION OF DANA EASTHOPE

1. My name is Dana Easthope. I am the Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary of Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. (“APUC”). My business address is 354 Davis Rd., Oakville, Ontario, L6J 2X1, Canada.

2. I am a licensed attorney with the Law Society of Ontario and the Law Society of Alberta.

3. As Vice President and Assistant Corporate Secretary, and as part of the APUC Legal Team, I participated in meetings of APUC’s Strategic Review Committee, which was formed in May 2023 by APUC’s Board of Directors to review a range of strategic alternatives for APUC’s unregulated renewable business owned by Algonquin Power Co. APUC’s Strategic Review Committee was disbanded in August 2023 after making a recommendation to APUC’s Board of Directors, which was accepted, that the best alternative was to pursue a sale of Algonquin Power Co. Algonquin Power Co. is a trust organized under the laws of Ontario that holds, directly

or indirectly, APUC's unregulated renewable energy assets. Algonquin Power Co. is not a part of Liberty Utilities Co.'s regulated utility operations.

4. In addition to myself, APUC's Chief Legal Officer, Jennifer Tindale, and Ryan Elger, Vice President and Associate General Counsel, also participated in the meetings of the Strategic Review Committee in their capacities as legal counsel for APUC.

5. External counsel from either Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP in Canada or Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP in the United States, or both, participated in each meeting of the Strategic Review Committee and received and reviewed all of its materials.

6. I have reviewed the minutes, materials, and presentations involving APUC's Strategic Review Committee.

7. Because the Strategic Review Committee was convened to review APUC's unregulated renewable business, only three documents included any reference to Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. ("Liberty Midstates").

8. Two pages of the documents contain historical regulatory information regarding Liberty Midstates, including rate base and related information pertaining to Liberty Midstates. The third page references Liberty Midstates' general budget projections based upon Liberty Midstates' anticipated capital and rate base additions. Those projections did not address the potential sale of the renewable operations being considered by the Strategic Review Committee, and those materials do not address debt or equity costs relating to Liberty Midstates.

9. Each of these pages are part of presentations that are solicitor-client privileged pursuant to Canadian law, as counsel participated in the meetings and the predominant purpose of counsel's participation was to provide confidential legal advice regarding the matters considered by the Strategic Review Committee. Each document is designated as privileged and confidential

and treated as such by APUC. Each document was delivered to the Strategic Review Committee through a secure website that was only accessible to members of APUC's Board of Directors and APUC executives who attended the Strategic Review Committee's meetings.

10. The request for the Strategic Review Committee's materials is disproportionate to the needs of this case considering the sensitivity of the requested documents and the burden imposed on APUC as a non-party to this case if Liberty Midstates is compelled to produce the information sought. These materials contain highly confidential analyses and projections, have never been disclosed and could cause APUC significant harm if required to be disclosed.



Dana Easthope, Vice President and Assistant
Corporate Secretary of Algonquin Power & Utilities
Corp.