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	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
	A.	Justin Tevie, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101.
	Q.	Are you the same Justin Tevie that provided direct testimony in this case?
	A.	Yes.
	Q.	What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?
	A.	The purpose of my testimony is to provide adjustments to Liberty Utilities
(Mic	dstates N	fatural Gas) Corp., d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty Midstates" or "Company") revenue
requ	iirements	and Confidential Schedule MS-d2 ¹ from Marina Stever's direct testimony via
tran	sport rate	e revenues. These adjustments are attached as Confidential Schedule MS-r1 to
Mar	ina Steve	er's rebuttal testimony.
TRA	ANSPOI	RT RATE REVENUE AND BILLING DETERMINANTS
	Q.	Why is an adjustment to Liberty Midstates revenue requirement related to
		Schedule MS-d2, provided from Marina Stever's direct testimony, necessary
Con	fidential	beneduce 1415 d2, provided from 1411ma brever 5 direct resumony, necessary

A.	In Staff's direct filing the wrong billing determinants were used for some rate			
classes, particu	ularly those in the Southeast Missouri ("SEMO") profit center. Some were			
based on Liberty Midstates original response to Data Request (DR) No. 0325 and had to be				
updated to reflect the Company's revised response to the data request.				
Q.	Did Staff find issues with the original billing determinants submitted by			
the Company?				
A.	Yes. The billing determinants submitted by the Company, in DR No. 0325,			
were fraught with some irregularities that were pointed out to the Company.				
Q.	Did the Company correct the irregularities that Staff discovered in the			
DR response?				
A.	Yes. The Company revised its response to DR No. 0325, which provided			
corrections to the billing determinants.				
Q.	Please describe the impact the revision to the billing determinants had on the			
Staff's revenue adjustments.				
A.	The ending revenues, after all adjustments, reduced by approximately			
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Q.	Did Staff still have issues with the billing determinants after the Company			
submitted its revised data?				
A.	Yes. Staff determined that there were some missing data, especially, for some			
special contracts customers.				
Q.	How did the presence of missing data impact adjustments performed			
by Staff?				

1 A. Due to missing bill count data for certain months, Staff had to use its best 2 judgement in performing annualizations, such as customer growth, for those customers. 3 **SPECIAL CONTRACTS** 4 Q. Were there any changes to special contracts? 5 A. Yes. The Company's response to DR No. 0325, and after discussions with the Company, indicated that ** ** was no longer 6 7 classified as a transport customer and ** ** was no longer a 8 Liberty Midstates customer. 9 Q. Describe the impact these changes had on Staff's revenue adjustment 10 calculations. 11 A. They did not affect the revenue adjustments because Liberty Midstates 12 did not provide any data on these entities in its data response so no revenues were assigned 13 to them. 14 Q. Did Staff have any concerns about the special contracts? 15 A. Yes. Staff was of the opinion that the some of the agreements that are 16 currently in place do not reflect current economic conditions. Staff currently recommends 17 an adjustment in the amount of approximately ** ** in rate revenue². Additionally, ** 18 19

² GR-2024-0106, Direct Testimony of Justin Tevie, page 7, lines 2-4.

CONCLUSION

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- Q. What are your recommendations?
- A. Staff recommends that transport revenues reported in Confidential
- 4 Schedule MS-d2 should be reduced by approximately ** as reported in
- 5 Confidential Schedule MS-r1. Staff continues to recommend a revenue imputation of
 - ** based on a lack of justification provided by Liberty Midstates.
 - Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?
- 8 A. Yes, it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Service Areas of the Company)
AFFIDAVIT O	F JUSTIN TEVIE
STATE OF MISSOURI)	
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.	
COMES NOW JUSTIN TEVIE and on hi	s oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful
age; that he contributed to the foregoing Rebut.	tal Testimony of Justin Tevie; and that the same is
true and correct according to his best knowledg	e and belief.
Further the Affiant sayeth not.	Intola
$\overline{\mathfrak{n}}$	USTIN TEVIE
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Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly co	onstituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for
the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my o	ffice in Jefferson City, on this/9# day
of August 2024.	

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
Commission Number: 12412070

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