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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
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Kennett City Hall - City Council Room
200 Cedar Street
Kennett, MO 63857

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KENNETH J. SEYER, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

MAIDA J. COLEMAN,
JOHN MITCHELL,
COMMISSIONERS

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LEXITAS LEGAL

1 (The following proceedings were had on September 10,
2 2024 beginning at 6:16 p.m.)

3 JUDGE SEYER: If everyone is ready, let's go on
4 the record.

5 Today's September 10th, 2024. The time is 6:20. My
6 name is Ken Seyer, I'm the Regulatory Law Judge with the
7 Missouri Public Service Commission. I will preside over this
8 hearing.

9 Commission has set this time for a local public
10 hearing to give members of the public a chance to comment
11 about Liberty's General Rate Increase Application which is
12 Commission File No. GR-2024-0106.

13 With me today is Commissioner Maida Coleman and
14 online is Commissioner John Mitchell.

15 Commissioner Mitchell, would you like to make any
16 comments before we get started?

17 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: Thanks, Judge. Just
18 like to thank everyone for being here. I know it's sometimes
19 a challenge to take time out of your busy day but we
20 appreciate it. It's an important part of gathering facts and
21 it's really an opportunity for the Commission to hear your
22 thoughts and opinions. So thank you for being here.

23 JUDGE SEYER: Thank you, Commissioner Mitchell.
24 Commissioner Coleman.

25 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Thank you, everyone,

1 those are in attendance, whether you are State employees,
2 Company employees, intervenors, Office of Public Counsel,
3 whomever you are that is smiling back at us with your
4 beautiful faces from the audience, we appreciate your
5 attendance tonight.

6 JUDGE SEYER: Thank you. There are attorneys
7 here tonight representing the parties in this matter. So for
8 the record, would each of you identify yourself and say which
9 party you're representing, starting with Liberty.

10 MS. GRUBBS: Good evening, Jermaine Grubbs, I'm
11 a Director of Legal Services for Liberty Central Regions. I
12 am appearing on behalf of Liberty Utilities, Midstates Natural
13 Gas Corporation, doing business as Liberty. Thank you.

14 JUDGE SEYER: For the Commission Staff.

15 MR. STACEY: Scott Stacey with Staff counsel,
16 Deputy Counsel and I represent Staff. And 200 Madison Street
17 Jefferson City 65 -- or Jeff City, Missouri 65101.

18 JUDGE SEYER: Then for the Office of Public
19 Counsel?

20 MS. MARTIN: This is Anna Martin, I'm here to
21 represent the Office of Public Counsel.

22 JUDGE SEYER: All right. Are there any other
23 attorneys here representing parties? All right. Hearing
24 none.

25 We actually do not have any consumers, or customers

1 I should say, here tonight to testify at the local public
2 hearing.

3 So just for the sake of the record if there are
4 customers that would like to submit comments they may be
5 submitted through the Commission's website which is psc.mo.gov
6 and then on the right side of the home page there's a link
7 that's titled Submit Comments. You click that link and submit
8 your comments, making sure you reference this case number
9 which is GR-2024-0106.

10 If you'd like to contact the Office of Public
11 Counsel you can email them at mopco@opc.mo.gov.

12 And if there's nothing further, I'll adjourn the
13 hearing and we'll go off the record.

14 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: Let me just add
15 something.

16 JUDGE SEYER: Yes. Commissioner Coleman.

17 COMMISSIONER COLEMAN: In my comments I don't
18 know if I thanked everybody in the room. I hope I covered
19 everyone. It is a trek from, no matter where you come from,
20 to get to the Bootheel. But we appreciate you being here, we
21 appreciate, you know, giving Staff an opportunity to escape
22 Jefferson City or Columbia and come down. And of course,
23 while you're here please spend your money here in Kennett and
24 Hayti or my hometown of Sikeston. Thank you again for coming.

25 JUDGE SEYER: And before I adjourn,

1 Commissioner Mitchell, would you like to make any closing
2 remarks?

3 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: (No response.)

4 JUDGE SEYER: Commissioner Mitchell? Yes, if
5 you are on the phone.

6 COMMISSIONER MITCHELL: No, no comments.

7 JUDGE SEYER: Okay. Perfect. All right.

8 Thank you.

9 And with that, I'll adjourn the hearing and we'll go
10 off the record.

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12 (Conclusion of Proceedings at 6:22 p.m.)

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