## **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

Case No. GR-2024-0106

## REQUEST TO EXTEND FILING DATE FOR LIST OF ISSUES, LIST OF EXHIBITS, ORDER OF WITNESSES, OPENING STATEMENTS, AND CROSS EXAMINATION

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COMES NOW Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ("Liberty" or the "Company"), to request to extend the filing date for the List of Issues, List of Exhibits, Order of Witnesses, Opening Statements, and Cross Examination as follows:

1. On February 9, 2024, Liberty Midstates filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for its gas service territory, together with supporting testimony.

2. Via *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* effective April 10, 2024, the Commission established a procedural schedule in the above-captioned matter, which includes a deadline of September 27, 2024 for the filing of the List of Issues, List of Exhibits, Order of Witnesses, Opening Statements, and Cross Examination ("Lists").

3. The parties have been participating in the scheduled Settlement Conference for the above-captioned matter since September 26, 2024, and Liberty requests a short extension of the filing date for the Lists until October 1, 2024 to allow the parties to focus on the Settlement Conference discussions.

4. The hearing on this matter is scheduled to begin October 15, 2024, and filing the List of Issues, List of Exhibits, Order of Witnesses, Opening Statements, and Cross Examination on October 1, 2024 will still allow the filing to be done two weeks before the scheduled hearing date.

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5. Counsel for Liberty has notified counsel for the other parties that it planned to seek

this extension. Counsel for Commission Staff and the Office of Public Counsel indicated they

did not oppose the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Liberty requests to extend the filing date for the List of Issues, List of

Exhibits, Order of Witnesses, Opening Statements, and Cross Examination until October 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 27th day of September, 2024, and sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel and counsel for intervenors.

/s/ Jermaine Grubbs