

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Request of Liberty	)	
Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.	)	<b><u>Case No. GR-2024-0106</u></b>
d/b/a Liberty to Implement a General Rate	)	Tracking No. JG-2025-0075
Increase for Natural Gas Service in the	)	
Missouri Service Areas of the Company	)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFFS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files its *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*, and states the following in support:

1. On November 6, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement (“Order”), and the Commission ordered Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty Midstates”) to file tariff sheets that are in compliance with the Stipulation and Agreement and this Order on or before November 20, 2024.

2. On November 20, 2024, Liberty Midstates filed its tariff revisions under JG-2025-0075, along with its accompanying tariff filing letter. In its letter, Liberty Midstates stated the tariff sheets were intended to reflect the Commission’s *Order*.

3. On November 21, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Responses to the Compliance Tariff*. The Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding the compliance tariffs or a statement of when it expects to file its recommendation no later than December 19, 2024.

4. On December 17, 2024, Liberty Midstates filed an *Amended Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*, along with a *Joint Motion to Approve the Amended Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement and for Expedited Treatment*.

5. Also on December 17, 2024, Liberty Midstates filed revised Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (“WNAR”) tariff sheets 67 and 67.1, and new WNAR tariff sheets 67.6, 67.7, and 67.8 in Tariff Tracking No. JG-2025-0075.

6. Staff has reviewed the Motion for Expedited Treatment and the tariff sheets filed in Tariff Tracking No. JG-2025-0075 on November 20, 2024 and December 17, 2024. Staff has no objection to Liberty Midstates request for expedited treatment to approve the Amended Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement with an effective date of January 8, 2025. Staff also recommends the Commission approve the tariff sheets as filed on November 20, 2024 (with two as substituted on December 17, 2024) and December 17, 2024, with effective dates of January 8, 2025.

7. This pleading is verified by the affidavits of Michael Stahlman, David Sommerer, and Charles Tyrone Thomason, which are incorporated by reference herein.

**WHEREFORE**, for the reasons stated above, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheets filed in this matter, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2025-0075, on November 20, 2024 and as substituted on December 17, 2024, with an effective date of no later than January 8, 2025:

Liberty Midstates P.S.C. MO. NO. 2

- 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancelling 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 2
- 14<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 19 Cancelling 13<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 19
- 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 22 Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No.22
- 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 24 Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No.24
- 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 26 Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No.26

5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 28 Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No.28  
4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 30 Cancelling 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No.30  
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Original Sheet No. 66.1  
Original Sheet No. 66.2  
3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67 Cancelling 2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67 (as Revised)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.1 Cancelling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.1 (as Revised)  
Original Sheet No. 67.6  
Original Sheet No. 67.7  
Original Sheet No. 67.8  
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Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE )

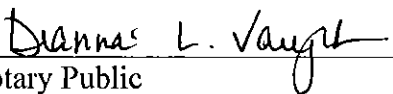
COMES NOW MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariffs*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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MICHAEL L. STAHLMAN

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.

  
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Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
Commissioned for Cole County  
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027  
Commission Number: 15207377

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**AFFIDAVIT OF DAVID M. SOMMERER**

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
	)	ss.
COUNTY OF COLE	)	

**COMES NOW DAVID M. SOMMERER** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariffs*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

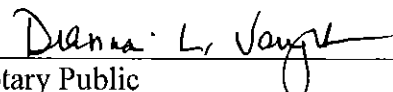
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**DAVID M. SOMMERER**

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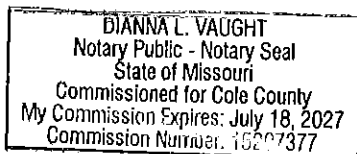
**COMES NOW CHARLES TYRONE THOMASON** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariffs*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

*Charles Tyrone Thomason*  
**CHARLES TYRONE THOMASON**

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.



*Diana L. Vaughn*  
Notary Public