BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Empire District Electric
Company, Empire District Gas Company,
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a
Liberty Utilities, Liberty Utilities (Midstates
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities
(MNG) Motion for Temporary Variances
Regarding Electric, Gas, Water, and Sewer
Tariffs and the Impact of COVID-19 on
Missouri Customers

File No. AO-2020-0335

ORDER DIRECTING REPLY

Issue Date: May 7, 2020 Effective Date: May 7, 2020

On April 23, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., all Liberty Utilities companies (collectively Liberty Utilities), filed an application entitled *Informational Filing, Motion for Temporary Variances, Request for Approval of Temporary Tariffs, and Motion for Waiver.* The application is intended to clarify and facilitate the companies' actions in response to the COVID-19 virus. The application was accompanied by revised tariffs that carry a May 23, 2020, effective date.

At the Commission's direction, the Commission's Staff responded to Liberty Utilities' filing on May 6, 2020. Public Counsel responded to Liberty Utilities' filing and to Staff's response on May 7, 2020. The Commission will direct Liberty Utilities to reply to those filings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

 Liberty Utilities shall reply to the responses of Staff and Public Counsel no later than May 11, 2020.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 7th day of May, 2020.