

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates	)	
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Filing of	)	<b><u>Case No. GT-2026-0052</u></b>
Its Revised Weather Normalization	)	Tracking No. JG-2026-0025
Adjustment Rider (WNAR) Tariff	)	

**STAFF’S TARIFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”),  
by and through counsel, and for its *Tariff Recommendation* states as follows:

1. On August 29, 2025, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty Midstates”) filed proposed revisions to its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (“WNAR”) tariff sheet assigned Tracking Number JG-2026-0025.

2. Also on August 29, 2025, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding the tariff sheet no later than September 11, 2025.

3. Staff reviewed the tariff sheet filed on August 29, 2025, and requested from Liberty Midstates a substitute tariff sheet to comply with the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. GR-2024-0106.

4. On September 3, 2025, Liberty Midstates filed its revised Substitute Tariff JG-2026-0025.

5. Accompanying this pleading, and incorporated herein by reference, is Staff’s Memorandum recommending Commission approval of the WNAR rates Liberty Midstates filed in its September 3, 2025, substitute tariff sheet.

6. The effect of Liberty Midstates’ WNAR tariff sheet filing means that residential customers of Liberty Midstates’ Northeast District who used 100 Ccf<sup>1</sup> of

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<sup>1</sup> Ccf stands for one hundred cubic feet of gas.

natural gas in a given billing month would see an approximate \$1.23 bill decrease from current effective rates, and small general service class customers using 100 Ccf of gas will see an approximately \$0.91 bill decrease in their bill from current effective rates. The effect on Liberty Midstates' residential customers of its West District who used 100 Ccf of natural gas would see an approximate \$0.62 bill decrease from current effective rates, and small general service class customers using 100 Ccf of gas will see an approximate \$0.73 decrease in their bill from current effective rates. The effect on Liberty Midstates' residential customers of its Southeast District who used 100 Ccf of natural gas would see an approximate \$0.71 bill decrease from current effective rates, and small general service class customers using 100 Ccf of gas will see an approximate \$0.66 decrease in their bill from current effective rates.

7. Staff has verified that Liberty Midstates has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing. Due to the expedited nature of the review, Staff's recommendation is based on a limited review of the application and supporting materials. Staff further recommends the tariff language be revisited and revised if needed during the next rate case to allow longer processing time sufficient for all parties.

8. Staff recommends approval of the filed substitute tariff sheet in Tracking No. JG-2026-0025, as follows:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.8 Cancelling Sheet No. 67.8

**WHEREFORE**, as set forth in Staff's Memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving Liberty Midstates' WNAR substitute tariff sheet to go into effect on October 1, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Alexandra Klaus**

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Public Service Commission

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties and/or counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 11th day of September, 2025.

**/s/ Alexandra Klaus**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. GT-2026-0052, Tariff Tracking No. JG-2026-0025  
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty

**FROM:** Melissa J. Reynolds – Water, Sewer, Gas, and Steam Department  
  
/s/ Melissa J. Reynolds / 09-11-2025  
Industry Analysis Division / Date

**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendation for the **Approval** of the Revised Tariff Sheet Filed by Liberty Utilities to reflect its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) to go into effect on October 1, 2025.

**DATE:** September 11, 2025

On August 29, 2025, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty MNG”) filed proposed revisions to its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) tariff sheet pursuant to Liberty MNG’s annual adjustment with a requested effective date of October 1, 2025. On August 29, 2025, the Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding the WNAR Tariff Sheets in Tariff Tracking No. JG-2026-0025 no later than September 11, 2025. After its review, Staff requested a substitute tariff sheet to comply with the Stipulation and Agreement in GR-2024-0106. Staff recommends approval of the substitute tariff sheet in Tracking No. JG-2026-0025.

Liberty MNG’s WNAR became effective July 1, 2018, and was modified in rate case GR-2024-0106 to be filed annually rather than semi-annually effective January 8, 2025. The purpose of the tariff is to reflect the now annual adjustment made pursuant to Liberty MNG’s WNAR for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2026. Liberty MNG calculated the rates annually to account for variations in temperature within its service areas based on the difference between the actual heating degree days and the normalized heating degree days. Liberty MNG’s current and proposed rates are included in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Current and Proposed WNAR Rates by Class.

	Current Semi-Annual		Proposed Annual	
District	Residential	Small General Service	Residential	Small General Service
Northeast	\$0.04732	\$0.02270	\$0.03500	\$0.01357
West	\$0.04732	\$0.02270	\$0.04113	\$0.01539
Southeast	\$0.03753	\$0.01244	\$0.03042	\$0.00583

Based on weather variations in Liberty MNG's service districts, proposed residential rates and the small general service class rates for Liberty MNG's district service areas will increase customer bills that will be applied as a separate line item on a customer's bill. However, a residential customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month in Liberty MNG's Northeast district will see an approximate \$1.23 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate, and a small general service class customer using 100 Ccf of gas in Liberty MNG's Northeast district will see an approximate \$0.91 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate. A residential customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month in Liberty MNG's West district will see an approximate \$0.62 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate, and a similar small general service class customer will see an approximate \$0.73 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate. Likewise, a residential customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month in Liberty MNG's Southeast district will see an approximate \$0.71 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate, and a similar small general service class customer will see an approximate \$0.66 decrease in their bill from the currently effective WNAR rate.

#### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff has reviewed and recommends approval of the following tariff sheet, filed as Substitute Tariff on September 3, 2025, to go into effect for service on and after October 1, 2025, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2

1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 67.8 Cancelling Sheet No. 67.8

Staff has verified that Liberty MNG has filed its Annual Report. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by this tariff filing.

Due to the expedited nature required for review, Staff's recommendation is based on a limited review of the application and supporting materials. Staff recommends the tariff language be revised during the next rate case to allow a longer processing time sufficient for all parties.

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MELISSA J. REYNOLDS**

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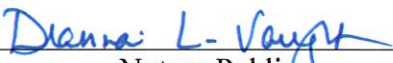
**COMES NOW, MELISSA J. REYNOLDS**, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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**MELISSA J. REYNOLDS**

**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 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025.

  
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Notary Public

