

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

In the Matter of the Establishment of a	)	
Working Case for the Development of	)	Case No. OW-2025-0314
Best Practices for Wildfire Mitigation in	)	
Missouri	)	

LIBERTY’S SECOND QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“EDE”), The Empire District Gas Company (“EDG”), and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (“Midstates”) (collectively, “Liberty” of the “Companies”), by and through counsel, and for their second quarterly status update, the Companies respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On February 6, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Development of Wildfire Mitigation Plans*. To facilitate plan development for all electrical and gas corporations, the Commission directed the utilities to complete draft plans by the end of the calendar year (December 31, 2026) and share a final draft of the plan with Staff. The Commission further directed the utilities to provide quarterly status updates, beginning March 31, 2026.
2. Since the Companies’ initial quarterly update, Liberty has completed its evaluation of the responses received to the Wildfire Mitigation Plan Request for Proposals (“RFP”). Following this evaluation, Liberty has identified a preferred consultant to support development of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan (“WMP”).
3. Their proposal demonstrated the qualifications and experience necessary to support development of a practical WMP consistent with the requirements outlined in the Commission’s Order.

4. Liberty is currently finalizing contractual arrangements through its Procurement department. Upon completion of contracting, Liberty and the consultant will begin work on the WMP in alignment with the Commission-established timeline.

WHEREFORE, Liberty submits its second quarterly status update. No action on the part of the Commission is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 30th day of June, 2026, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

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