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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
Procedural Conference
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In the Matter of Empire District)
Electric Company, Empire District)
Gas Company, Liberty Utilities)
(Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a)
Liberty Utilities, Liberty) File No.
Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) AO-2020-0335
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)

MORRIS WOODRUFF, Presiding
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's start by taking entries of appearance beginning with Liberty?

MS. CARTER: This is Diana Carter. I'm appearing for all of the applicants in the proceeding and I'm pulling up my address. It is 428 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 303, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Entry for Staff?

MR. PRINGLE: Good morning. This is Travis Pringle with Staff Counsel's Office. My contact info is 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, telephone 573.751.4140. And I believe from Staff right now I also have Gary Bangert, Kim Cox and Amanda McMellen on the line. There may be a few others calling in as we go along.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And for Public Counsel?

MR. POSTON: I'm Marc Poston appearing for the Office of the Public Counsel.

JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. And I believe that would be all the parties to this case. I will say that this is a Procedural Conference in File No. AO-2020-0335 which concerns a number of tariffs that have been suspended filed by the Liberty Utilities Companies. As you're aware, the tariffs have been

1 suspended until August 21 which was the 90 days. They
2 can be suspended further if we need to.

3 I scheduled this conference so the parties can
4 get together and discuss how best to proceed in this
5 case leading to some sort of resolution either within
6 that August 21 deadline or if need be we can suspend the
7 tariffs further if that's what the parties believe is
8 necessary.

9 I would ask that the parties give me a
10 proposed procedural schedule by this Friday which would
11 be June 12.

12 Is there anything else anyone wants to discuss
13 while we're on the record? Hearing nothing then, we are
14 off the record.

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