

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Midstates)
Natural Gas) Corp.'s d/b/a/ Liberty (MNG)) **File No. GU-2021-0276**
Fuel Costs Related to the Extraordinary)
Weather Event of February 2021.)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: November 17, 2021

Effective Date: November 17, 2021

On August 25, 2021, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. ("Liberty") filed its Verified Winter Storm Uri AAO Application. Liberty requests an accounting authority order ("AAO") allowing it to accumulate and defer, as a regulatory liability, costs related to Winter Storm Uri. Specifically, Liberty seeks to defer the following costs: (1) February 2021 fuel and purchased gas costs, (2) carrying costs on the total February 2021 fuel and purchased gas costs at Liberty's weighted average cost of capital, and (3) outside legal fees related to Winter Storm Uri.

On November 16, 2021 Staff filed its *Staff Recommendation* and *Memorandum* recommending that the Commission deny Liberty's request for an AAO.

The Commission will direct Liberty to respond to the *Staff Recommendation* and *Memorandum*.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than November 29, 2021, Liberty shall file a response to the *Staff Recommendation* and *Memorandum*.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ross Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of November, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17th day of November, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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