

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities Verified)
Application For Approval of PVC Pipe)
Replacement Program and Recovery of) **File No. GO-2019-0091**
Associated Costs Through ISRS)
Mechanism)

ORDER DIRECTING LIBERTY UTILITIES RESPOND TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 23, 2019

Effective Date: January 23, 2019

Liberty Utilities filed its application for approval of a PVC pipe replacement program and recovery of costs through the ISRS mechanism on September 28, 2018. Staff requested clarification regarding the application on November 19, 2018, to which Liberty Utilities responded on November 26, 2018. On January 9, 2019, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation regarding the application. Staff's recommendation states that Liberty Utilities does not need an order from the Commission to replace PVC pipe and Staff cannot recommend predetermination of cost recovery through the ISRS mechanism.

Liberty Utilities stated in its November 26, 2018, response to Staff's request for clarification that its filing was not being pursued under the ISRS statute or the Commission's rules for an ISRS filing. However, Liberty Utilities, in its January 22, 2019, procedural recommendation, states:

"In that Application, the Company requested that the Commission approve a ten year replacement program for the PVC pipe remaining in its system. The Company also requested that the Commission determine that the costs associated with such replacements would be eligible for recovery under the Company's Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS") mechanism."

Liberty Utilities requests that it be ordered to respond to Staff's recommendation no later than February 28, 2019. The Commission will direct Liberty Utilities to file a response to Staff's recommendation. Additionally, the Commission will order Liberty Utilities to succinctly explain what relief its application seeks, and why such relief is not a request for predetermination of cost recovery through the ISRS mechanism.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than February 28, 2019, Liberty Utilities shall respond to Staff's recommendation, and explain what relief it is requesting from the Commission, and also explain why such relief is not a request for predetermination of cost recovery through the ISRS mechanism.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

John T. Clark, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of January, 2019.

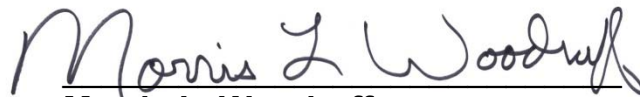
STATE OF MISSOURI

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 23rd day of January 2019.




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
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