

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

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

**LIBERTY’S RESPONSE TO ORDER OPENING A WORKING
CASE TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF BEST PRACTICES
FOR UTILITY WILDFIRE MITIGATION IN MISSOURI AND
ASSESSMENT OF RISK**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“EDE”), The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (“EDG”), and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (“Midstates”) (collectively “Liberty”), by and through counsel, and for its Response to the *Order Opening a Working Case to Assist in the Development of Best Practices for Utility Wildfire Mitigation in Missouri and Assessment of Risk*, Liberty respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On May 14, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Opening a Working Case to Assist in the Development of Best Practices for Utility Wildfire Mitigation in Missouri and Assessment of Risk*, where it asked all Electric and Gas Corporations to respond to the questions in Attachments A and B of the Order no later than June 30, 2025.
2. EDE responds to the Commission’s questions for Electric Corporations in Attachment A hereto.
3. EDG and Midstates respond to the Commission’s questions for Gas Corporations in Attachment B hereto.
4. The state of Missouri has not experienced wildfires like those recently experienced in California and Canada. The Commission’s efforts to explore best practices for assessing wildfire risks and potential mitigation of them are proactive. Liberty remains focused on resilience and reliability for our customers and appreciates the opportunity to respond to the questions as directed

by the Commission and otherwise support the Commission's proactive efforts in the above-captioned working docket.

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, 2025, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record, and I further certify that the above document was sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter