

**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 FIRST QUARTERLY STATUS UPDATE

COME 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 first 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. For their first quarterly status update, the Companies state that they have initiated the process of drafting a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to be provided to consultants who specialize in the preparation of wildfire mitigation plans. Liberty has no concerns at this time regarding meeting the December 31, 2026, deadline. Liberty anticipates being in the middle of the RFP process at the time of the second quarterly update.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 31st day of March, 2026, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

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