

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District)
Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company,)
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and)
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for an Affiliate)
Transactions Rule Variance.)

File No. AO-2018-0179

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: June 14, 2018

Effective Date: June 14, 2018

On June 14, 2018, the above-referenced applicants, on their own behalf as well as on behalf of all other parties, filed a Status Report. The report states that the parties continue to negotiate, and that they request until July 31, 2018 to advise the Commission whether further negotiations would be fruitful, or if the case should proceed to hearing.

The Commission finds the request reasonable, and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall file a pleading or pleadings no later than July 31, 2018.
2. This order shall become effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of June, 2018.