

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,) **File No. AO-2018-0179**
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and)
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for an Affiliate)
Transactions Rule Variance.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 17, 2018

Effective Date: September 17, 2018

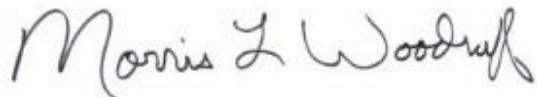
On September 14, 2018, the above-referenced applicants, on their own behalf, as well as on behalf of all other parties, filed a Status Report. The report states that the parties continue to negotiate, and that they request until November 15, 2018 to advise the Commission whether further negotiations 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 November 15, 2018.
2. This order shall become effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink 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 17th day of September, 2018.