

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: LIBERTY UTILITIES (MIDSTATES NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY UTILITIES	DOCKET NO. RPU-2016-0003
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OBJECTION AND REQUEST FOR DOCKETING

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, states as follows in support of its Objection and Request for Docketing in the above-captioned matter:

1. Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 475A.2 (2015), OCA acts as attorney for and represents all consumers generally and the public generally in all proceedings before the Iowa Utilities Board (Board).
2. On July 25, 2016, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty) filed an Application for Rate Relief and supporting testimony, exhibits, Workpapers, and other documentation required by the Board's rules.
3. The revenue requirement and rate design issues raised by Liberty's voluminous filing will require a thorough investigation. Additional time is required for OCA to complete a thorough investigation. Accordingly, OCA files this objection and asks that the filing be docketed by the Board and a procedural schedule established to give OCA and interested parties sufficient time to investigate the filing.

WHEREFORE, the OCA respectfully requests that the application be docketed and a procedural schedule established.

Respectfully submitted,

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