

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD

**FILED WITH  
Executive Secretary**

**May 09, 2016**

**IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE:

LIBERTY UTILITIES (MIDSTATES  
NATURAL GAS) CORP. d/b/a LIBERTY  
UTILITIES

DOCKET NO. EEP-2016-0002

**OFFICE OF CONSUMER ADVOCATE STATEMENT IN LIEU OF TESTIMONY**

The Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA), a division of the Iowa Department of Justice, in accordance with the procedural schedule established for the Energy Efficiency Plan filed by Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities (Liberty Utilities) on or about February 19, 2016, states as follows:

OCA and Liberty Utilities have executed a Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced docket. This Settlement Agreement resolves outstanding issues regarding Liberty's proposed Plan in a manner that is mutually acceptable to OCA and Liberty Utilities. OCA supports Liberty Utilities' Plan as modified by the Settlement Agreement as a productive step toward updating Liberty's Energy Efficiency Plan and more closely aligning Liberty's energy efficiency Plan filing and reporting schedules with those of other rate-regulated gas and electric utilities in Iowa.

Respectfully submitted,

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