

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Electric Company and Liberty Utilities)	
(Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities)	<u>File No. AO-2020-0237</u>
for Variances to Enable the Deployment of)	Tariff Filing No. YW-2021-0059
Advanced Metering Infrastructure for)	
Electric and Water Customers)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through Staff Counsel’s Office, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On September 11, 2020, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (“Liberty Water”) submitted an original tariff sheet under Tariff Filing Nos. YW-2021-0059, bearing an effective date of October 11, 2020. The tariff sheet is applicable to the former Empire water customers who are now customers of Liberty Water. Liberty Water states that, while the proposed tariff is an original tariff sheet, it represents changes from the tariff sheet currently in effect clarifying that, for AMI opt out customers, the default procedure will be to disable the two-way communication portion of the AMI meter. The tariff changes have no impact on rates or charges.

2. Staff reviewed the tariff sheet and concludes that it should be approved by the Commission. Thus, Staff recommends the following tariff sheet for Liberty Water submitted on September 11, 2020, be approved to become effective October 11, 2020:

P.S.C. MO. No. 16
Original Sheet No. 6

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept Staff’s *Recommendation* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 23rd day of September 2020.

/s/ Mark Johnson

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. BUSCH

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COME NOW James A. Busch and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation* in memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

/s/ James A. Busch
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