

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

In the Matter the Application of The Empire)
District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty for a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to) **File No.: GA-2023-0110**
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Maintain,) **Tariff Tracking No.: YG-2023-0136**
and Otherwise Control and Manage a Natural)
Gas Distribution System in and Around Platte)
County, Missouri as an Expansion of its)
Existing Certified Areas)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET

COMES NOW the Public Service Commission Staff (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and and files its *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet* and states as follows:

1. On September 21, 2022, The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (hereafter “EDG” or “the Company”) filed its *Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Request for Waiver (“Application”)* to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage a natural gas distribution system to provide natural gas service in and around Platte County, Missouri, and Request for Waiver from the notice provisions of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. On January 25, 2023, the Commission granted the Company’s Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and ordered EDG to file an updated tariff sheet.

3. On January 26, 2023, EDG filed a tariff sheet to implement the Commission’s Order. That tariff sheet bears an effective date of February 25, 2023.

4. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheet filed in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2023-0136 and recommends the Commission approve it or allow it to go into effect for service on February 25, 2023:

P.S.C MO. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No.4

Cancelling P.S.C MO. No. 2, 1st Revised Sheet No.4

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission either issue an order approving the tariff sheet filed in this matter in Tariff Tracking No. YG-2023-0136, or allow the same tariff sheet to go into effect on February 25, 2023, and for any other such orders and relief as this Commission deems reasonable and just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 3rd day of February, 2023, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Carolyn H. Kerr

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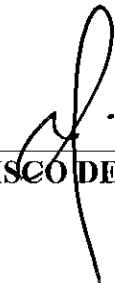
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AFFIDAVIT OF FRANCISCO DEL POZO

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW FRANCISCO DEL POZO and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.



FRANCISCO DEL POZO

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 2nd day of February, 2023.

DIANNA L VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission #: 15207377

Dianna L. Vaught
Notary Public