

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas )  
Company's d/b/a Liberty Request to File Tariffs ) **File No. GR-2021-0320**  
to Change its Rates for Natural Gas Service ) Tracking No.: JG-2022-0037

## ORDER GIVING NOTICE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE TEST YEAR, AND DIRECTING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 18, 2021

Effective Date: August 18, 2021

On August 16, 2021, The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty ("Empire Gas" or the "Company") filed tariff sheets designed to increase the Company's annual base distribution gas revenues by approximately \$1.32 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts, sales, franchise, or occupational fees or taxes. Empire proposes a test year of the twelve months ending December 31, 2020, with a proposed true up through September 30, 2021.

The Commission will provide notice of the Empire application, provide time for intervention, and set a deadline to respond to the proposed test year. The Commission will also order a joint proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;
- Submission of a List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and Position Statements at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Allowance for ten business days for transcript preparation; and,
- Local and evidentiary hearings held via WebEx.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hearings may be conducted in-person depending upon future COVID19 pandemic developments.

Any request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within Empire's service area.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Empire's service area and to the news media serving therein.
3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than September 8, 2021, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.
4. Any party wishing to respond to Empire's proposed test year shall do so no later than September 17, 2021.
5. No later than September 24, 2021, the parties shall submit a joint proposed procedural schedule as described in this order. The Staff of the Commission shall coordinate and file the joint proposed procedural schedule.
6. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,  
By delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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**August 18, 2021**

**File/Case No. GR-2021-0320**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



***Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary***

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