

# 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            ) **File No. GR-2021-0320**  
Tariffs to Change its Rates for Natural Gas        ) Tracking No. YG-2022-0040  
Service    )

## ORDER ALLOWING INTERVENTION

Issue Date: October 7, 2021

Effective Date: October 7, 2021

On August 23, 2021, The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed tariff sheets designed to increase its annual base distribution gas revenues. On August 23, the Commission issued an Order Giving Notice, Setting a Deadline to Intervene, Setting a Deadline to Respond to the Test Year, and Directing a Proposed Schedule. September 27 was the deadline for applications to intervene. On September 27, Missouri School Boards' Association ("MSBA") filed an Application to Intervene.

MSBA states it represents approximately 390 school districts in Missouri as a trade association, several of which are subject to Liberty's natural gas tariff rates. MSBA states it has organized a purchasing cooperative denominated Missouri Purchasing Resource Center "MOPRC"); also known as the "MSBA Natural Gas Consortium," which is the authorized purchasing agent for over 2,100 utility accounts which purchase natural gas on the open market which is delivered to the various schools and school districts in Missouri under the statutory School Transportation Program ("STP"). MSBA states there are currently 24 school districts on the Liberty system and most have multiple Liberty gas accounts that participate in MOPRC's STP purchasing group.

MSBA alleges it is the largest STP association in the Liberty service area and will be affected by tariff alterations incidental to this case, in particular as related to gas transportation to the schools. MSBA alleges this case presents a unique issue related to Liberty and the MSBA schools in that this proceeding contains tariff provisions dealing with natural gas transportation service for schools and tariff provisions regarding the cost of providing monthly cash-out to eligible school entities and new eligible school entities which must comply with Section 393.310, RSMo.

More than 10 days have passed since MSBA applied to intervene. No party has objected to the application. The Commission will grant the application to intervene based on a determination that intervention will serve the public interest.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. MSBA's application to intervene is granted.
2. 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.**



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

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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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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