

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire        )  
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to            )  
Implement Robust and Mutually-Beneficial            )        Case No. EO-2022-0078  
Energy Efficiency Offerings Under the                )  
Framework Prescribed by MEEIA                        )

**LIBERTY’S DEMAND-SIDE PROGRAM 2022 ANNUAL REPORT**

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company (“Liberty” or “Company”) and, pursuant to the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (“MEEIA”), files its Demand-Side Program 2022 Annual Report with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”).

1. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(9), Demand-Side Program Annual Report, provides that “(e)ach electric utility with one (1) or more approved demand-side programs shall file an annual report by no later than ninety (90) days after the end of each program year, make a public version available for publication on the commission’s website, and serve a copy on each party to the case in which the demand-side programs were last established, modified, or continued.”

2. On September 15, 2021, Liberty filed its Application seeking approval of demand-side programs and a Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanism (“DSIM”) as prescribed by MEEIA (“MEEIA Cycle 1 Application”).

3. Paragraph 12 of Liberty’s MEEIA Cycle 1 Application provided that, “in variance from Rule 20.093(9), Liberty is proposing the filing of a single report at the conclusion of Cycle 1, with an additional variance from the requirement that the report contain a copy of the EM&V report for the most recent annual reporting period.”

4. Pursuant to a Global Stipulation and Agreement settling all issues with regard to Liberty’s MEEIA Cycle 1 Application and pursuant to the Commission’s *Order Approving*

*Agreement and Tariffs* issued December 15, 2021, effective January 1, 2022, tariff sheets implementing Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 took effect January 1, 2022 (for the period January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022).

5. Paragraph 5 of the Global Stipulation and Agreement provided, in part, that "(i)n conjunction with approval of Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 Plan, the Signatories agree there is good cause to grant the waivers/variances requested by the Company in paragraphs 4-6 and 11-13 of the Application and request that the Commission grant the same." The Commission's *Order Approving Agreement and Tariffs* then granted Liberty, among other things, a variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(9).

6. On November 4, 2022, a stipulation and agreement was filed requesting a one-year extension of Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1, to December 31, 2023, to allow Liberty and other stakeholders to incorporate learnings from the initial MEEIA offering year into planning for MEEIA Cycle 2, while continuing to build momentum with Liberty customers and trade allies to generate energy savings. The Commission approved the request, and tariffs extending Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 to December 31, 2023, took effect January 1, 2023.

7. Although Liberty was granted a variance from Rule 20.093(9) with regard to MEEIA Cycle 1, given the one-year extension, Liberty is submitting a Demand-Side Program 2022 Annual Report. A copy of this report will be provided to all parties to this docket.

**WHEREFORE**, Liberty submits its Demand-Side Program 2022 Annual Report and requests such relief as is just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2023, and sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

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