

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)	
District Gas Company for a Name Change)	<u>File No. GN-2021-0039</u>
To The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a)	Tariff Nos. YG-2021-0026
Liberty)	and YG-2021-0061

ORDER RECOGNIZING NAME CHANGE

Issue Date: October 8, 2020

Effective Date: October 16, 2020

The Empire District Gas Company (Empire Gas) submitted a pleading on August 15, 2020,¹ advising that it has registered the fictitious name Liberty and henceforth will operate under the name The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty. Empire Gas submitted a tariff (Tariff No. YG-2021-0026) on August 17 that changed the title page of its tariffs to reflect the addition of the new name. It did not, however, file an adoption notice tariff as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.060(5). Consequently, on September 9, the Commission suspended the title page tariff until October 16 and ordered Empire Gas to file an adoption notice tariff to be effective on October 16. Empire Gas filed the required adoption notice tariff (Tariff No. YG-2021-0061) on September 14, and gave it the required October 16 effective date. As described in the tariffs, Empire Gas will now operate under the name The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities or Liberty.

The Commission’s Staff filed a recommendation on October 1, indicating Empire Gas has complied with all statutory and regulatory requirements for changing its name. Staff recommends the Commission recognize the name change. The Commission will do so. The submitted tariffs will be allowed to take effect on October 16 by operation of law.

¹ All dates are 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission recognizes the name change of The Empire District Gas Company to The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty Utilities or Liberty.
2. This order shall be effective on October 16, 2020.
3. This file shall be closed on October 17, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of October, 2020.