



Liberty Utilities (The Empire District Electric Company)

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**REQUEST:**

Tax Ramifications Please explain how Storm Uri costs will be presented on the 2021 tax returns. Will the event be broken out as a separate financial event or flow through as a normal cost of service adjustments? What is the expected taxable loss attributed to the Storm Uri event? Please provide calculations and workpapers that will substantiate the Company’s taxable income/loss expectations.

**RESPONSE:**

The 2021 US Federal Tax Return is due October 15, 2022, and therefore has not been filed yet. However, it is typical the Storm Uri costs would be included within our fuel cost. However, because of the extraordinary nature of the amount, the Company may break this amount out separately, so it is displayed on the respective support schedules.

Below are the costs included in each of the respective Regulatory Asset accounts pertaining to Storm Uri that Empire would anticipate deducting on its 2021 Tax Return.

182419	MO Storm Uri Fuel Cost 95%	194,135,789
182420	MO Storm Uri Fuel Cost 5%	10,365,150
182423	AR Storm Uri Fuel Costs	3,255,378
182424	OK Storm Uri Fuel Costs	5,867,091
182417	KS NatGasPrice 21-GIMX-303-MIS	11,434,525
		<b>\$225,057,922</b>