BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the 2022 Triennial Compliance Filing Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-22 by The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty

Case No. EO-2021-0331

NOTICE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or the "Company") and respectfully submits this Notice in furtherance of the *Order Approving Agreement* issued herein by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") on May 12, 2021, effective June 11, 2021.

1. On April 1, 2021, Liberty filed an Application asking the Commission to grant the Company variances from certain requirements of the Commission's Integrated Resource Planning ("IRP") Rule. The variances are in regard to Liberty's triennial IRP filing which is due by April 1, 2022.

2. On April 25, 2021, Liberty, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") filed a Notice of Agreement regarding Liberty's Application for Variances.

3. Liberty, Staff, and OPC agreed that it would be beneficial to collect primary data for Liberty's future Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act ("MEEIA") filings, but that due to time constraints, collecting the data and incorporating it into the 2022 IRP analysis would not likely be feasible. Therefore, it was agreed that the demand-side analysis variance requests should be approved for the 2022 IRP, but on the condition that Liberty agree to begin conducting residential and commercial surveys to collect the primary data needed for future market potential studies as soon as practical. Liberty further agreed to file the primary residential and commercial data in this docket when available, regardless of whether it would be used in Liberty's 2022 IRP study.

4. Pursuant to the agreement of the parties and the Commission's *Order Approving Agreement* issued May 12, 2021, attached hereto is the report of Applied Energy Group ("AEG") regarding the primary data collection surveys.

WHEREFORE, Liberty submits this Notice. No action on the part of the Commission is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on the 23rd day of March, 2022, with notification of the same being sent to all parties of record.

s/ Diana C. Carter