

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

In the Matter of the Compliance of The Empire District)
Electric Company with Certain Requirements Related to) File No. EO-2019-0046
SB 564 and Related Matters)

NOTICE REGARDING LIBERTY’S 2023 REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Liberty” or “Company”), and, pursuant to RSMo. §393.1400, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On August 12, 2020, and pursuant to RSMo. §393.1400, Liberty provided notice of its plant-in-service accounting (“PISA”) election.
2. Pursuant to RSMo. §393.1400, by each February 28th while an electrical corporation is allowed to make the PISA deferrals, the company shall submit to the Commission a five-year capital investment plan and certain additional information.
3. On February 26, 2021, Liberty filed herein its first PISA report – the Clean Transition Plan. Liberty’s Clean Transition Plan is centered around investments in grid modernization that increase the use of digital information, optimize operations, automate and improve the flexibility of the grid, facilitate integration of distributed renewable generation, improve power quality, increase security and safety of the grid, and increase the grid’s resiliency to withstand threats from vegetation and damaging winds and other weather events.
4. Attached hereto, pursuant to RSMo. §393.1400, is Liberty’s 2023 PISA Annual Update Report which provides an update on the Company’s Clean Transition Plan, updates the prior PISA reports filed herein in February 2021 and February 2022, and provides the additional information required by the recent legislative amendments.

5. For the 2023 budget, grid modernization projects, within the meaning of RSMo. 393.1400 and the 25% requirement, constitute approximately 74% of planned capital expenditures.
6. Liberty continuously evaluates and analyzes the needs of its customers and the electric grid, the condition of the Company's infrastructure, the costs and accessibility of modern technologies, and the availability of new technologies. Also, Liberty continuously strives to make the most of every dollar and every hour of labor, in order to most efficiently provide reliable and affordable electric service to its customers. As such, the budget is a snapshot in time, with priorities and plans shifting based on evolving needs and technology.

WHEREFORE, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty submits this Notice Regarding Liberty's 2023 Report.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 28th day of February, 2023, with notice of the same sent to all counsel of record.

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