

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs)
Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided)
to Customers in its Missouri Service Area) File No. ER-2019-0374

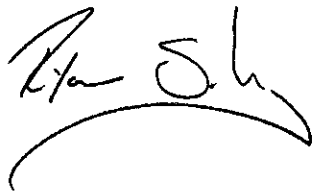
NOTICE OF EXTRA-RECORD COMMUNICATION

Issue Date: January 28, 2020

On January 27, 2020, Chairman Ryan Silvey, Commissioner William Kenney, Commissioner Scott Rupp, Commissioner Maida Coleman, and Commissioner Jason Holsman, received a letter via mail from Thomas W. Medearis dated January 21, 2020. The letter was shared with Kim Burton, Policy Advisor to Chairman Silvey, and Kristy Manning, Policy Advisor to Commissioner Holsman. Since the letter could be considered an extra-record communication under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.030.

In the letter, Mr. Medearis commented on the request for increase in rates by "Liberty Empire." A copy of Mr. Medearis's letter is attached to this notice. However, to protect the privacy of Mr. Medearis, his address has been redacted.

This notice is given pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.030(2).



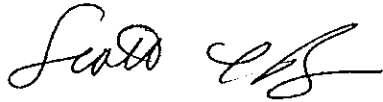
Chairman Ryan Silvey,
Missouri Public Service Commission

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
this 28th day of January, 2020.



Commissioner William Kenney,
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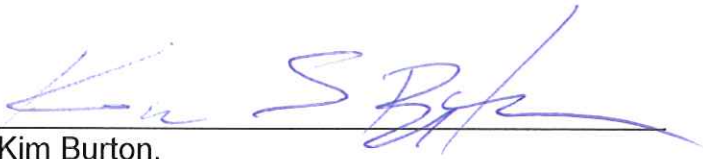
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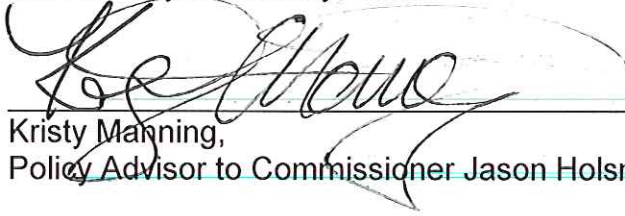
Commissioner Jason Holsman,
Missouri Public Service Commission

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Kim Burton,
Policy and Legal Advisor to Chairman Ryan Silvey

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
this 28th day of January, 2020.



Kristy Manning,
Policy Advisor to Commissioner Jason Holsman

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
this 28th day of January, 2020.

Thomas W. Medearis

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Please accept this comment as a negative vote for Liberty Empire request for increase in rates.

1. There has been no improvement in producing product. It is a utility meant to serve the populous.

2 Their increase in costs appears to be their increase in paper, ink, employee time, for extra page with billing. "Looks good on paper!", aka "make work". No justification.

3. Increase in advertising on television, perhaps other related costs. No justification, populous does not need to know they are being served electricity or by whom.

Last year I received an increase in monies from the Social Security, cost of living. The local government **decreased** food stamps by the same amount, the housing authority **increased** my rent by 30%. I am hoping the commissioners notice that that is known as a **deficient**. Add the increased amount you want me to pay Liberty Empire and it becomes a BIGGER DEFICIENT!

I have served 3 years in the military, 2 years as a Peace Corps Volunteer (Kenya), 2 years as a city council member, also time as a teacher in a church school (Micronesia). That is roughly 10% of my age. At the time(s) I volunteered I did so believing I could I could make a difference.

I am guessing I am not the only one!

