

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's Application for Approval of a)
Transportation Electrification Portfolio for)
Electric Customers in its Missouri Service Area) Case No. _____

NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company (“Empire” or “Company”), and for its Notice of Intended Case Filing being submitted herein pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017 and regarding a possible Transportation Electrification Portfolio, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”):

1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri. Empire is qualified to conduct business and is conducting business in Missouri, as well as in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Empire is engaged, generally, in the business of generating, purchasing, transmitting, distributing, and selling electricity in portions of the referenced four states. Empire’s Missouri operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.

2. Empire intends to seek the Commission’s approval of a “Transportation Electrification Portfolio” to accelerate electric technology adoption and provide utility customer, grid, and societal benefits. The exact filing date of the proposed transportation electrification portfolio is unknown at this time.

3. With regard to issues that the Commission will be asked to consider and decide in the case, the Company intends to propose a Transportation Electrification Portfolio of offerings that is broadly divided into three components: the On-Road Component, the Non-Road Component, and the Administrative Component.

4. Within the On-Road Component, Empire intends to propose: (a) a subscription service for residential customers to install and maintain smart (networked) Level 2 (“L2”) charging stations

that encourages beneficial, off-peak electric vehicle (“EV”) charging; (b) a program to support the deployment of smart L2 charging infrastructure for commercial customers, with an emphasis on workplace and public charging locations; (c) a program to support the deployment of smart direct current fast charging (“DCFC”) infrastructure for commercial customers at publicly accessible locations; (d) a program to encourage third-party investment in DCFC infrastructure by providing a temporary incentive to lower DCFC charger operational costs; (e) a program to provide technical assistance for vehicle fleets in Empire’s service area seeking to transition to EVs; (f) a program to provide incentives for the deployment of smart L2 charging infrastructure for fleets; and (g) a pilot to support the deployment of smart charging infrastructure for electric transit bus applications in Empire’s service area.

5. Within the Non-Road Component, Empire intends to provide incentives to support the deployment of eligible non-road applications, including electric forklifts, electric-standby truck refrigeration units, truck stop electrification, electric agricultural well pumps for irrigation, and custom electric equipment.

6. Within the Administrative Component, Empire intends to propose portfolio-wide education and outreach activities to increase customer enrollment and encourage beneficial charging of EVs and equipment; data collection, analysis, and reporting of key portfolio metrics to the Commission and interested stakeholders; and other activities that support the set-up, launch, and on-going implementation of the transportation electrification portfolio.

7. With regard to Rule 4.017(1) and the requirement that a 60-day filing notice include “a summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing the notice,” Empire verifies that there have been no ex parte communications regarding substantive issues likely to be in the intended case between Empire and the office of the Commission within the 90 days prior to the filing of this Notice.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits to the Commission this Notice of Intended Case Filing.

Empire requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 2nd day of June, 2020, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record. This Notice was also sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter