

NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIBERTY'S ELECTRIC RATES

On May 28, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d.b.a. Liberty filed a general rate request with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") designed to increase Liberty's annual gross revenues from its Missouri electric retail customers by \$50.0 million, or approximately 7.61%. In addition, Liberty is requesting the recovery of \$29.9 million for costs incurred as a result of Winter Storm Uri. As part of this proceeding, Liberty is proposing to increase its fixed residential customer charge from \$13.00 per month to \$16.00 per month.

For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$12.76 each month, or 9.68% percent. The proposal to spread out costs for Winter Storm Uri would be approximately \$7 each month. Liberty estimates that the proposed rate increase will have the following other bill impacts:

Customer Class	Average Annual Impact without Storm Uri	
	Bill Change \$	Bill Change %
CB-Commercial*	\$305	12.3%
Small Heating**	\$394	12.7%

Customer Class	Average Annual Impact with Storm Uri	
	Bill Change \$	Bill Change %
CB-Commercial*	\$426	18.1%
Small Heating**	\$571	19.4%

Liberty is asking the Commission to authorize the continuation of its Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC"). Empire's base fuel charges are being reduced by \$69.3M as compared to the base fuel charges in current rates. Taking into consideration all changes Liberty proposes to the FAC, the Company estimates a \$13.27 monthly decrease over its proposed base rates (based on 1,000 kWh of monthly usage). If the Commission approves Liberty's request to continue its FAC, Liberty will continue to adjust (credit or bill) its electric customers' bills twice each year via the FAC, on June 1 and December 1. The FAC volumetric revisions represent the difference between Liberty's actual energy cost (i.e., the varying costs of fuel used to generate electricity at its generating units plus electric energy it purchases on behalf of its customers) and its base energy cost included in base rates during the respective semiannual periods.

The Commission has scheduled question and answer sessions followed by local public hearings, where anyone may appear, testify, and/or provide documents to the Commission for it to consider in this general electric rate case, at the following locations, dates, and times:

* Based on average usage of 1,430 kWh per month.

** Based on average usage of 2,080 kWh per month.

Date and Time

Location

Location

Street Address

City, MO XXXXX

Date and Time

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Anyone wishing to comment on, or inquire about, Liberty's requests may also do so by contacting the Staff of the Commission and/or the Office of the Public Counsel.

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Public comments may be submitted at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments
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The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing during [INSERT DATES HERE] at 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for parties in this case to present their evidence to the Commission for its decision. This hearing is open to the public, except portions the Commission may close to protect the dissemination of nonpublic information. The local public hearings and evidentiary hearing will be held in buildings that meet accessibility standards by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If someone needs additional accommodations to participate in or attend any of these hearings, please call the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.