

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, The)
Empire District Gas Company, Liberty)
Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty)
Utilities, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates) **File No. AU-2021-0072**
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities)
for Accounting Authority Orders Allowing)
the Electric, Gas, Water, and Wastewater)
Utilities to Record and Preserve Costs)
Related to COVID-19)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION APPLICATIONS

Issue Date: September 18, 2020

Effective Date: September 18, 2020

On September 17, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (collectively “Liberty”) applied for accounting authority orders permitting them to track and defer in regulatory assets all incremental costs and other financial impacts specifically including lost revenues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Liberty also requests a waiver of the Commission’s 60-day notice requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017.

The Commission will direct notice be given and set a deadline for intervention applications.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Data Center shall provide notice of this order and application to the parties in the files as set forth below:

- File No. ER-2019-0374 (The Empire District Electric Company);

- File No. GR-2018-0229 (The Empire District Gas Company);
- File No. WR-2018-0170 (Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC); and
- File No. GR-2018-0013 (Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.).

2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order and application to the county commissions in the service territory of each Liberty utility.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of this application to members of the General Assembly representing residents in the service territory of each Liberty utility.

4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of Liberty's application to news media serving residents of the service territory of each Liberty utility.

5. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than October 7, 2020. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system or delivered to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of September, 2020.