



November 29, 2020

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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

**RE: The Empire District Electric Company (“Liberty-Empire”)
Case No. ET-2020-0390**

Dear Judge Woodruff:

I am providing herewith to the Missouri Public Service Commission for filing, in electronic form, an Application for approval of a portfolio of transportation electrification pilot programs and accounting treatment pursuant to RSMo. §393.140(8), as well as three pieces of supporting Direct Testimony.

Liberty-Empire is proposing a portfolio of transportation electrification pilot programs designed to accelerate electric technology adoption and provide utility customer, grid, and societal benefits. The five-year pilot portfolio of offerings is broadly divided into three components: the On-Road Component, the Non-Road Component, and the Administrative Component.

The objective of the portfolio of transportation electrification pilot programs is for Liberty-Empire to be a key partner in advancing regional transportation electrification efforts by educating and connecting customers to grow the electric vehicle (“EV”) market through technical and electrical infrastructure support. These efforts will benefit the grid, and, in turn, benefit all types of customers.

The Direct Testimony of Robin McAlester, the Senior Manager of Sustainability for the Liberty Innovations Team, provides an overview of the proposed portfolio of transportation electrification pilot programs and the associated benefits, includes an overview of each pilot program, describes the proposed means of cost recovery, provides a brief history of Liberty-Empire’s experience in transportation electrification to date, and provides Liberty-Empire’s vision for future programs and offerings.

The Direct Testimony of Stacy Noblet, Senior Director of Transportation for ICF Resources, LLC (“ICF”), addresses the pilot programs proposed in Liberty-Empire’s On-Road Component of the Transportation Electrification Portfolio, the transportation electrification industry, and the analyses ICF conducted. The Direct Testimony of Ambika Coletti, Beneficial Electrification Manager for ICF, addresses the non-road transportation electrification, specifically Liberty-Empire’s proposed Non-Road Electrification Pilot Program.

Please bring these filings to the attention of the Commissioners and the appropriate Commission personnel, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Diana Carter

cc: Counsel for the Commission Staff
Office of the Public Counsel