

## NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIBERTY-EMPIRE'S ELECTRIC RATES

On August 14, 2019, The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities Company (“Liberty-Empire”), filed a general rate request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) designed to increase Liberty-Empire’s annual gross revenues from its Missouri electric retail customers by \$26.5 million, or approximately 4.93 percent. As part of this proceeding, Liberty-Empire is proposing to increase its fixed residential customer charge from \$13.00 per month to \$19.00 per month.

For a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, the proposed increase would be approximately \$7.85 each month, or 5.80 percent. Liberty-Empire estimates that the proposed rate increase will have the following other bill impacts:

Customer Class	Average Annual Impact	
	Bill Change \$	Bill Change %
RG-Residential	\$96.24	5.8%
CB-Commercial	\$125.82	5.2%
Small Heating	\$164.22	5.0%

Liberty-Empire is asking the Commission to authorize the continuation of its Fuel Adjustment Clause (“FAC”). Of the \$26.5 million proposed increase, \$74,946 is attributable to Liberty-Empire updating the energy costs used to determine its customers’ billed FAC charges. Taking into consideration all changes Liberty-Empire proposes to the FAC, it estimates that this will increase the usage charges on a typical residential customer’s monthly bill by \$0.01 (based on 1,000 kWh of monthly usage). If the Commission approves Liberty-Empire’s request to continue its FAC, Liberty-Empire 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-Empire’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:

**Monday, February 3, 2020 at 12 noon.**

Comfort Inn  
Meeting Room  
2451 Tower Drive  
Bolivar, MO 65613

**Monday, February 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Missouri Southern State University  
Plaster Hall – Cornell Auditorium  
3950 E. Newman Road  
Joplin, MO 64801

**Tuesday, February 4, 2020, at 12 noon.**

City of Branson  
Council Chambers  
110 W. Maddux, Ste 210  
Branson, MO 65616

Anyone wishing to comment on, or inquire about, Liberty-Empire'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](https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments)  
(please reference case number ER-2019-0374)

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The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing during April 14-17 and 20-22, 2020, 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.