

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of  
March, 2023.

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire )  
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for )  
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for )  
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its )  
Missouri Service Area )

**File No. ER-2021-0312**  
Tracking No. YE-2023-0166

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF  
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

Issue Date: March 1, 2023

Effective Date: March 11, 2023

On February 24, 2023, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed tariff sheets for the Critical Needs Program, along with a motion for expedited treatment. Liberty's motion for expedited treatment asks the Commission to allow its tariff sheets to take effect on March 6, 2023, prior to the tariff sheets' proposed effective date of March 26, 2023. In support of its motion, Liberty states that the Staff of the Commission (Staff), the Office of Public Counsel (Public Counsel), and other stakeholders have been involved with the design and creation of the Critical Needs Program for Liberty and support the tariff sheets taking effect within ten days from filing. Liberty does not state any harm that will be avoided as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14).

The Commission directed Staff to file an expedited recommendation, and set a deadline for any other responses to Liberty's tariff sheets. Staff recommends approval of the tariff sheets. Public Counsel filed a response in support of Liberty's position.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and finds that they should be approved. The Commission has also reviewed the motion for expedited treatment and

finds that good cause exists under Section 393.140(11), RSMo, to expedite the effective date of the tariff sheets. However, the Commission will not expedite the effective date of the tariff or this order to less than ten days. The Commission will approve Liberty's tariff sheets to become effective on March 11, 2023. In addition, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days so that the order will be effective concurrently with the tariff sheet.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Liberty's request for expedited treatment is granted as discussed in the body of this order.
2. The following tariff sheets filed by Liberty and assigned Tracking No. YE-2023-0166, as substituted on February 27, 2023, are approved to become effective on March 11, 2023:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 6**

2nd Revised Sheet No. 1 Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 1  
Original Sheet No. 28  
1st Revised Sheet No. 37 Canceling Original Sheet No. 37

3. This order shall become effective on March 11, 2023.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, and  
Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023.**



*Nancy Dippell*

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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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