

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its Office in  
Jefferson City on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of  
November, 2022.

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas            )  
Company d/b/a Liberty's Purchased Gas            ) **File No. GR-2023-0129**  
Adjustment Tariff Filing                                ) **Tariff No. YG-2023-0088**

**ORDER APPROVING PGA TARIFF**

Issue Date: November 21, 2022

Effective Date: December 4, 2022

On November 4, 2022,<sup>1</sup> The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty EDG) filed a proposed tariff sheet to reflect changes in its Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) factor as a result of estimated changes in the cost of natural gas. The tariff sheet bears an effective date of December 4.

On November 7, the Commission directed that no later than November 14 the Staff of the Commission (Staff) file a recommendation and that any other party wishing to do so file a response to Staff's recommendation or to the tariff sheet by November 16. Staff filed a recommendation on November 14. No other party filed a response.

Liberty EDG's' proposed PGA tariff will have the following effects on its PGA rates:

<b>Gas Service Area</b>	<b>Current Total PGA</b>	<b>New Total PGA</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>South</b>	\$0.96720	\$1.154290	+0.18709
<b>North</b>	\$0.71850	\$1.054620	+\$0.33612
<b>Northwest</b>	\$0.64494	\$1.030514	+\$0.66020

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<sup>1</sup> All dates are in 2022 unless otherwise indicated.

In its recommendation, Staff explained that this file was established to track Liberty EDG's PGA factors to be reviewed in its 2021-2022 ACA filing. Staff recommends the proposed rate changes be approved on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in File Nos. GR-2023-0129 and GR-2022-0127. Staff also asked the Commission to order it to file the results of its 2021-2022 ACA review in this case no later than December 15, 2023.

Staff's recommendation also addresses Liberty EDG's request for a carrying charge based on its Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) to be applied to the PGA. Staff recommends those requests be considered along with all other issues in the ACA review.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the proposed tariff sheet conforms to Liberty EDG's Commission-approved PGA tariff. The Commission concludes the proposed tariff sheet should be approved to become effective on December 4, 2022, on an interim basis, subject to refund, pending final Commission decision in this file and File No. GR-2022-0127. The Commission will consider the carrying charge proposal as part of the ACA review. Further, the Commission will direct its Staff to file the results of its ACA review in this case no later than December 15, 2023.

The Commission finds it reasonable for this order to be effective in less than thirty days so that the order will be effective at the same time as the tariff.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The tariff sheet assigned Tracking No. YG-2023-0088, is approved on an interim basis and subject to refund, pending final Commission decisions in this file and in File No. GR-2022-0127. The tariff sheet approved is:

**P.S.C. MO No. 2**

19<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 62;  
19<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 63; and  
19<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 65.

2. On or before December 15, 2023, Staff's Procurement Analysis Department shall submit the results of its ACA review of the changes included in Liberty EDG's November 4, 2022, filing.

3. This order shall become effective on December 4, 2022.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Woodruff, Chief 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2022.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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