

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a)
Liberty to Implement Robust and Mutually-) **File No. EO-2022-0078**
Beneficial Energy Efficiency Offerings Under) **Tariff No. YE-2022-0057**
the Framework Prescribed by MEEIA)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A RECOMMENDATION, SETTING A TIME FOR RESPONSES, AND SUSPENDING TARIFF

Issue Date: October 20, 2021

Effective Date: October 20, 2021

On September 15, 2021, the Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed tariff sheets and an application seeking the Commission's approval to establish a Demand Side Investment Mechanism under the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA). The Commission issued notice of the application and tariff sheets, set a deadline for interventions, and ordered its Staff (Staff) to file a pleading stating the date that Staff would be able to file a recommendation about Liberty's MEEIA application. On October 15, 2021, Staff filed a status report indicating it is working through some issues with Liberty, but states it believes it can file a recommendation or a stipulation by November 15, 2021. Accordingly, the Commission will direct Staff to file its recommendation by November 15, 2021, and set a time for responses to Staff's recommendation or Liberty's application and tariff sheets.

Staff's status report also suggests that, because the effective date of Liberty's tariff sheets is November 14, 2021, the tariff sheet's effective date should be extended until January 1, 2022. Staff represents that Liberty does not oppose this extended effective date. Subsection 393.150, RSMo, provides that the Commission may suspend tariff sheets for a period of up to 120 days beyond the time such tariff sheets would otherwise

go into effect. There is insufficient time for Staff to adequately review the MEEIA application and tariff sheets and file a recommendation prior to the tariff sheet's effective date. Therefore, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets until January 1, 2022.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Liberty's MEEIA application and tariff sheets no later than November 15, 2021.
2. Any responses to Staff's recommendation or to Liberty's MEEIA application and tariff sheets shall be filed no later than December 1, 2021.
3. The tariff sheets assigned Tariff No. YE-2022-0057 are suspended until January 1, 2022.
4. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 20th day of October, 2021.

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 20th day of October, 2021.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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
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