

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District	)	
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, The	)	
Empire District Gas Company, Liberty	)	
Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a Liberty	)	
Utilities, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates	)	<b><u>File No. AU-2021-0072</u></b>
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities	)	
for Accounting Authority Orders Allowing	)	
the Electric, Gas, Water, and Wastewater	)	
Utilities to Record and Preserve Costs	)	
Related to COVID-19	)	

## ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: October 19, 2020

Effective Date: October 19, 2020

On September 17, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (collectively "Liberty") applied for accounting authority orders related to COVID-19. The Commission subsequently issued notice, and received timely intervention requests from Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Missouri School Boards' Association, the National Housing Trust, and Renew Missouri.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13) allows parties ten days to respond to pleadings unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. The Commission issued no order to the contrary, more than ten days have elapsed since the applications to intervene, and no party has objected. Thus, the Commission will take up the applications for intervention unopposed.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(4) allows the Commission to grant intervention to a person who has an interest different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting

intervention would serve the public interest. Upon review of the unopposed applications, the Commission finds that the applicants meet the standard in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(4). Therefore, the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The applications to intervene filed by Midwest Energy Consumers Group, Missouri School Boards' Association, the National Housing Trust, and Renew Missouri are granted.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.