

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas)
Company’s Request to File Tariffs to) Case No. GR-2021-0320
Change its Rates for Natural Gas Service)

MOTION TO WITHDRAW DIRECT TESTIMONY

COMES NOW The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (“EDG” or the “Company”), and for its Motion to Withdraw Direct Testimony, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”):

1. On March 29, 2021, the Company submitted its Notice of Intended Case Filing, opening this docket for a future general rate case filing.

2. On August 16, 2021, the Company submitted proposed tariff sheets (Tracking No. JG-2022-0037) and supporting direct testimony. An error in the general rate case submission was discovered, and, on August 18, 2021, the tariff sheets (JG-2022-0037) were withdrawn by the Company. With the withdrawal of the August 16 tariff submission, the supporting direct testimony filed on that date no longer serves a purpose.

3. Upon correction of the error that was discovered in the initial filing, a new tariff submission will be made by the Company in this docket, along with new supporting direct testimony.

4. In order to maintain a clear record in this proceeding and avoid confusion that could be created by having two sets of direct testimony, the Company requests that the direct testimony filed on August 16, 2021, be withdrawn.

WHEREFORE, the Company requests an order of the Commission granting this Motion to Withdraw Direct Testimony and directing the Commission’s Data Center to remove EFIS items 4-14 from this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 18th day of August, 2021, and sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

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