

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company and)
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a)
Liberty Utilities for Variances to Enable the)
Deployment of Advanced Metering)
Infrastructure for Electric and Water)
Customers)

File No. AO-2020-0237

ORDER SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE AND DIRECTING STAFF FILING

Issue Date: February 10, 2020

Effective Date: February 10, 2020

On February 5, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (collectively "Liberty") filed a motion for variance, approval of tariffs, and waiver. The filed tariffs bear an effective date of April 2, 2020. Liberty states that it intends to deploy Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in all of its electric service areas. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-10.030(28) provides that each electric service watt-hour meter shall be periodically tested in accordance with a set schedule. Liberty requests a variance of this rule so that it may suspend sample meter testing until AMI has been fully deployed. Liberty states that granting the variance will avoid unnecessary and redundant testing of meters scheduled for replacement.

Empire also requests a waiver of the 60 day notice requirement of Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), as Empire has had no communication with the Commission within the prior 150 days about any substantive issue in this file.

The Commission will set a deadline for intervention requests. The Commission will also direct its Staff to file a recommendation on its review of Liberty's application and tariff sheets.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than March 11, 2020.
2. The Commission's Staff shall file either a status report or a recommendation about The Empire District Electric Company and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC's application and tariffs no later than March 11, 2020.
3. 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 pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of February, 2020.