

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2023-0123
The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire)

FROM: Cynthia M. Tandy, Lead Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

DATE: /s/ Cynthia M. Tandy 10/31/2022 /s/ Kevin Thompson 10/31/2022
Energy Resources Department / Date Staff Counsel Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Twenty-Sixth Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: October 31, 2022

On September 30, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) (hereafter "Empire") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in the form of direct testimony and supporting schedules of Empire witness Brooke M. Prier, its twenty-sixth true-up filing under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Accumulation Period 26 ("AP26") includes the time period March 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021 and is followed by Recovery Period 26 ("RP26"), which includes the billing months of December 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022. The true-up amount of \$2,473,664 identified in this filing is the result of an under-collection of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount for AP26 during RP26.

The true-up amount of \$2,473,664 for RP26 is included in the preliminary calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power ("FPA") amount included in Empire's Accumulation Period 28 ("AP28") adjustment filing, also filed on September 30, 2022, in File No. ER-2023-0122, which Empire filed in compliance with its FAC.¹

¹ The Empire District Electric Company's P.S.C. Mo. No. 6, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 17p tariff sheet:

TRUE-UP OF FPA: In conjunction with an adjustment to its FAR, the Company will make a true-up filing with an adjustment to its FAC on the first Filing Date that occurs after completion of each Recovery Period. The true-up adjustment shall be the difference between the FPA revenues billed and the FPA revenues authorized for collection during the true-up recovery period, i.e. the true-up adjustment. Any true-up adjustments or refunds shall be reflected in item T above and shall include interest calculated as provided for in item I above.

The Commission Staff (“Staff”) examined the direct testimony of Empire witness Brooke M. Prier, the supporting schedules and work papers Empire provided with its true-up filing in this case, and the monthly information Empire has submitted to the Commission. Staff also reviewed and agrees with Empire’s monthly interest calculations for RP26.

Based on its examination and analysis of information Empire filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission approve Empire’s RP26 true-up filing for the billing months December 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022 during which Empire under-collected \$2,473,664 from its customers for inclusion in the calculation of the FPA amount in Empire’s AP28 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2023-0122.

Staff has verified that Empire has filed its 2021 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Empire is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6) and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing, except as noted herein.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the True-Up of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty)
(Empire) Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC))
True-Up)

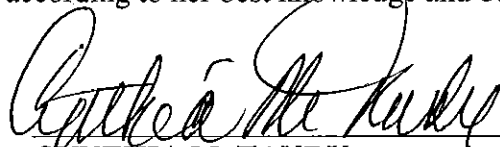
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AFFIDAVIT OF CYNTHIA M. TANDY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW CYNTHIA M. TANDY and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

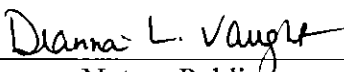


CYNTHIA M. TANDY

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 26th day of October, 2022.

DIANNA L VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023 Commission #: 15207377
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