STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 30th day of September, 2020.

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 Tariff No. YW-2021-0059

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF SHEET

Issue Date: September 30, 2020 Effective Date: October 11, 2020

On September 11, 2020, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC (Liberty) filed tariff sheet YW-2021-0059 to clarify that for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) opt out customers, Liberty's default procedure will be to disable the two-way communication portion of the AMI meter. The use of non-AMI meters will continue to be an option for customers as long as those meters are available. Liberty states that this change has no impact on rates or charges.

The Commission ordered its Staff (Staff) to file its expedited recommendation regarding the tariffs by September 23, 2020, and ordered that any response to the tariff sheet or to Staff's recommendation be filed by September 25, 2020. Staff filed a recommendation that the Commission approve the tariff sheet. No other responses were received.

The Commission has authority to approve the tariff sheet pursuant to Sections 393.140(11) and 393.150, RSMo. The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet

and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet is consistent with the Commission's March 18, 2020, order, which granted variances and approved tariff sheets to deploy AMI, and should be approved. To allow the tariff sheet to take effect on October 11, 2020, the Commission will issue its order with an effective date fewer than 30 days from the date of issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheet filed by Liberty on September 11, 2020, and assigned Tariff No. YW-2021-0059 is approved to become effective on October 11, 2020. The tariff sheet approved is:

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- 2. This order shall be effective on October 11, 2020.
- 3. This file shall be closed on October 12, 2020.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and Holsman CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Judge