

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to)
Obtain a Financing Order that Authorizes the) **File No. EO-2022-0040**
Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds)
for Qualified Extraordinary Costs)

NOTICE REGARDING NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

Issue Date: August 24, 2021

The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a notice of intended case filing on August 13, 2021, causing this file to open. Liberty's notice indicates its intent to file a petition to obtain a financing order that authorizes the issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds regarding the extraordinary costs incurred during the cold weather event of February 2021. Such a financing order is authorized under section 393.1700, RSMo (HB 734), which is a new statute that takes effect on August 28, 2021.

Liberty's filing indicates it is intended to comply with the 60-day notice requirements of Commission Rule 4.017(1). But it also purports to comply with the 60-day notice requirement that is included within the new, not-yet-effective, statute, at section 393.1700.2(3)b. Liberty's filing complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 4.017(1), but it may not comply with the independent 60-day notice requirement imposed by the statute, which will not be effective until August 28, 2021.

The Commission is not at this time making any ruling regarding the efficacy of the statutorily-required notice filed by Liberty, but is issuing this notice to bring this matter to Liberty's attention.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of August, 2021.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge


STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 24th day of August, 2021.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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