

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2022-0096
The Empire District Electric Company

FROM: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Utility Regulatory Supervisor

DATE: /s/ Brooke Mastrogiannis 11/01/2021 /s/ Casi Aslin 11/01/2021
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's Twenty-Fourth Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: November 1, 2021

On September 30, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company ("Liberty-Empire" or "Company") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in the form of direct testimony and supporting schedules of Liberty-Empire witness Charlotte T. Emery, its twenty-fourth true-up filing under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Accumulation Period 24 ("AP24") includes the time period March 1, 2020 through August 31, 2020 and is followed by Recovery Period 24 ("RP24"), which includes the billing months of December 2020 through May 2021. The true-up amount of (\$523,943) identified in this filing is the result of an over-collection of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount for AP24 during RP24.

The true-up amount of (\$523,943) for RP24 is included in the preliminary calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power ("FPA") amount included in the Company's Accumulation Period 26 ("AP26") adjustment filing, also filed on September 30, 2021, in File No. ER-2022-0095, which Liberty-Empire filed in compliance with its FAC.¹

¹ The Empire District Electric Company's P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Section 4, Original Sheet No. 17ab 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 Liberty-Empire witness Charlotte T. Emery, the amended direct testimony of Ms. Emery, the supporting schedules and work papers Liberty-Empire provided with its true-up filing in this case, and the monthly information Liberty-Empire has submitted to the Commission. Staff also reviewed and agrees with Liberty-Empire’s monthly interest calculations for RP24.

Based on its examination and analysis of information Liberty-Empire filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission approve Liberty-Empire’s RP24 true-up filing for the billing months December 2020 through May 2021 during which Liberty-Empire over-collected \$523,943 from its customers for inclusion in the calculation of the FPA amount in the Company’s AP26 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2022-0095.

Staff has verified that Liberty-Empire has filed its 2020 annual report and is not delinquent on any assessment. Liberty-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 Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) for) **File No. ER-2022-0095**
Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments) Tracking No. JE-2022-0067
Related to the Company's Fuel and)
Purchase Power Adjustment (FAC) Required)
in 20 CSR 4240-20.090)

In the Matter of The True-Up of the Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty) **File No. EO-2022-0096**
(Empire) Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)) Tracking No. JE-2022-0067
True-Up)

AFFIDAVIT OF BROOKE MASTROGIANNIS

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

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

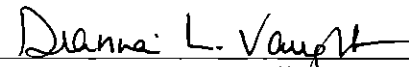
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



Brooke Mastrogiannis

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 29th day of October, 2021.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission Number: 15207377



Notary Public