

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 27th day of
July, 2022.

In the Matter of the 2021 RES Compliance)
Report and 2022 RES Compliance Plan of)
The Empire District Electric Company)
d/b/a Liberty)

File No. EO-2022-0282

**NOTICE REGARDING 2021 RES COMPLIANCE
REPORT AND 2022 COMPLIANCE PLAN**

Issue Date: July 27, 2022

On April 14, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed its *2022 Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report*, regarding its compliance in 2021 (Report), and its *2022 Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan*, for 2022 through 2024 (Plan). These filings are required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8). The Commission's rule requires the Staff of the Commission to review the utility's compliance report and plan and to file a report about its review within 45 days.¹ The Commission's rule also allows Public Counsel and other interested persons or entities 45 days to file comments regarding Empire's Report or Plan.² No such comments were filed.

The Commission issued its order directing notice of filing on April 21, 2022, and an application to intervene by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources Division of Energy (Division of Energy) was granted.

¹ 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(D).

² 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(E).

Staff requested, and the Commission granted, a five-day extension to file its report, and Staff filed its report on the Report and Plan on June 6, 2022. Staff identified three deficiencies in Liberty's Report. First, the Renewable Energy Credits (REC) generated by owned facilities and the associated value was lacking information for all owned facilities in Section D of the report. Second, the reported RECs-sold information differed between Section E of the report and Attachment 3. And third, the calendar year retail rate impact calculation reported in Section P did not include all resources used for compliance in the year. In light of these issues, Staff recommended that Liberty supplement its 2021 RES Compliance Report with updates to Sections D, E, and P. Regarding Liberty's 2022-2024 RES Compliance Plan, Staff found no deficiencies, but discovered an error in Liberty's Retail Rate Impact calculation.

The Commission issued an order establishing time to respond to Staff's report, and on July 8, 2022, Liberty timely filed its response to the Commission's order, along with its revised Report and revised Plan. More than ten days have passed and no other parties have responded to the revised Report and Plan.

The Commission's regulation does not specify what, if any, action the Commission is to take regarding Liberty's Report and Plan and any alleged deficiencies in that Report or Plan, except to allow the Commission to direct the utility to provide additional information or to address any concerns or deficiencies identified in the comments.³ After considering the submitted materials, the Commission concludes that no further order from the Commission is appropriate at this time. This file shall be closed.

³ 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(F).



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

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

Keeling, 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 27th day of July, 2022.**





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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Sincerely,



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