

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of The                    )  
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a                    )  
Liberty to Implement Robust and Mutually-            )  
Beneficial Energy Efficiency Offerings                )  
Under the Framework Prescribed by MEEIA            )        **File No. EO-2022-0078**

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Status Report* states it believes it can file a recommendation, or a stipulation in lieu of, by November 15, 2021. In support, Staff states the following:

1. On September 15, 2021, the Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed tariff sheets and an application seeking the Commission’s approval to establish a Demand Side Investment Mechanism (DSIM). Liberty’s tariff sheets bear a November 14, 2021, effective date, and Liberty asks that its application be approved to be effective by that date.

2. On October 5, 2021, the Commission filed its Amended Order Directing Notice and Establishing Intervention Date, directing Staff to file a pleading no later than October 15, 2021, stating the date that it will submit a recommendation.

3. Staff has been in discussions with Liberty regarding Staff’s concerns with its filing. Staff and Liberty are working through some minor issues that will likely lead to Liberty updating portions of its filing. Staff believes these issues can be addressed and corrected for within 30 days and would expect its recommendation, or a stipulation in lieu of, to be filed by November 15, 2021. This would require the effective date of Liberty proposed tariff sheets to be extended out beyond Liberty’s proposed effective date.

However, Staff believes an effective date of January 1, 2022, is reasonable. Staff is of the understanding that Liberty does not oppose an effective date of January 1, 2022.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff suggests that November 15, 2021 be the date for the filing of recommendation or stipulation in lieu of.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, to counsel for all parties on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

**/s/ Nicole Mers**