

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

In the Matter of The Empire District                    )  
Electric Company’s Application to                        )  
Discontinue Providing Solar Rebates for its        )  
Electric Customers in its Missouri Service        )  
Area    )

**File No. ET-2023-0197**

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to the December 15, 2022 *Order and Notice*, states as follows:

1. On December 13, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or the “Company”) filed its *Application to Discontinue Providing Solar Rebates*. Liberty also requested a waiver of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) requiring a minimum of 60 days’ notice prior to filing a new case with the Commission.

2. On December 15, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file its *Recommendation* or a *Status Report* no later than January 27, 2023.

3. Staff sent the Company data requests on January 3, 2023. The Company answered Staff’s requests on January 23, 2023. Staff still needs time to assess the Company's responses, and may need to conduct further discovery, before making a recommendation to the Commission.

4. Staff anticipates completing its discovery and analysis and will be able to file its recommendation by March 29, 2023.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept its *Status Report* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

**/s/ Eric Vandergriff**