

**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) **File No. EO-2022-0040**
the Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff)
Bonds for Qualified Extraordinary Costs)

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to)
Obtain a Financing Order that Authorizes) **File No. EO-2022-0193**
the Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff)
Bonds for Energy Transition Costs Related)
to the Asbury Plant)

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT DUCERA REPORT AND
STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: January 11, 2024

Effective Date: January 11, 2024

Under its contract, Ducera will provide to the Staff of the Commission (Staff) no later than noon on the second business day after submission of the Issuance Advice Letter (IAL) an opinion on whether the structuring, marketing and pricing of the Securitized Utility Tariff Bond resulted in the lowest charge consistent with market conditions. In order for the Commission to have the information it needs to evaluate whether to reject the Securitized Utility Tariff Bond issuance, the Commission will order Staff to provide the Commission with both Ducera’s opinion and a pleading containing a brief statement of any concerns Staff has with the final terms of the Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds no later than the close of business on the second business day after the IAL is submitted.

Staff shall also provide a recommendation about The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty’s compliance tariff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than close of business on the second day after submission of the IAL, Staff must provide the Commission with Ducera's opinion on the Securitized Utility Tariff Bond issuance as well as pleadings containing a brief statement of any concerns Staff has with the final terms of the Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds and Staff's recommendation about Liberty's compliance tariff.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of January, 2024.

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 11th day of January 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 11, 2024

File/Case No. EO-2022-0040 and EO-2022-0193

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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