

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

In the Matter of the Request of Liberty	)	<b><u>File No. WR-2024-0104</u></b>
Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty	)	Tracking No. JW-2024-0126
for Authority to Implement a General Rate	)	
Increase for Water and Wastewater	)	
Service Provided in its Missouri Service	)	<b><u>File No. SR-2024-0105</u></b>
Areas	)	Tracking No. JS-2024-0127

**ORDER GIVING NOTICE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE,  
SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE TEST YEAR, AND  
DIRECTING A PROPOSED SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: March 15, 2024

Effective Date: March 15, 2024

On March 13, 2024,<sup>1</sup> Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) Corp. d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or “the Company”) filed proposed tariff sheets to increase its annual revenues by a total of an additional \$7,990,089 in annual water revenues and an additional \$75,178 in annual sewer revenues. The proposed annual water revenues are an increase of approximately 130.37%. The proposed annual sewer revenues are an increase of approximately 2.2%. The Company is also proposing to consolidate its rates into two sets of water rates, and two sets of wastewater rates, which would be consolidated from its existing fifteen water tariff rate areas and five wastewater tariff rate areas. The tariff sheets have a proposed effective date of April 12.

Liberty proposes a test year of the twelve months ending December 31, 2022, updated through April 30, 2024.<sup>2</sup> The Company is not requesting a true-up process.

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<sup>1</sup> All dates refer to 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>2</sup> Wilson Direct, p. 6.

The Commission will provide notice of Liberty's filing, provide time for intervention, and set a deadline to respond to the proposed test year. Unless requested, the Commission will not schedule an early procedural conference. The Commission will order the submission of a joint proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Conclude the evidentiary hearing by November 22, 2024;
- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and submission of Position Statements due at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- At least **two** settlement conferences;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Local public hearings; and
- Evidentiary hearing.

The Commission will request expedited transcripts to be returned to the Commission no later than five business days after the evidentiary hearing concludes. Any further request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county having a Liberty water or wastewater service area.
2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Liberty's water or wastewater service areas and to the news media serving those areas.

3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than April 4, 2024, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

4. Any party wishing to respond Liberty's proposed test year shall do so no later than April 10, 2024.

5. No later than April 24, 2024, the parties shall jointly submit, if possible, a proposed procedural schedule as described in this order, or a status report. The Staff of the Commission shall coordinate and file the joint proposed procedural schedule.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 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 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**March 15, 2024**

**File/Case No. WR-2024-0104 and SR-2024-0105**

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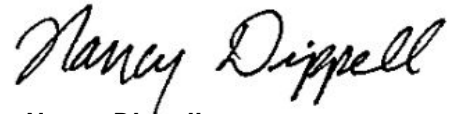
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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**

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

**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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