

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 15th day of May, 2024.

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)	
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)	<u>File No. ER-2021-0312</u>
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for)	Tracking No. JE-2024-0153
Electric Service Provided to Customers in)	
its Missouri Service Area)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: May 15, 2024

Effective Date: June 1, 2024

On April 30, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a tariff sheet to update the Renewable Energy Purchase Program (REPP) rate to reflect the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) rate for the twelve-month period ending March 2024. Liberty's proposed tariff sheet has a June 1, 2024, effective date. Liberty substituted that tariff sheet on May 7, 2024, to correct a calculation error discovered by the Commission's Staff (Staff).

Liberty's REPP was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. The purpose of the REPP is to offer non-residential customers the opportunity to offset their carbon emissions by up to 100% of their electricity consumption through the purchase of RECs. Under that program, Liberty is required to perform a quarterly review of its REC sales and REC rate. If the REC rate is outside a five percent threshold, Liberty must recalculate the rate as the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month ending period. Liberty's tariff sheet adjusts the previous REC rate of \$2.57 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the adjusted REC rate of \$2.21 per 1,000 kWh for the 2023 calendar year.

The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation and set a deadline for any responses to Liberty's tariff sheet. Staff filed its recommendation to approve the tariff sheet as substituted May 7, 2024. Staff also recommended that the Commission direct Liberty to provide its supporting workpapers with its quarterly reviews moving forward. No other responses were received.

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and Staff's verified recommendation and memoranda. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet updating the REPP rate adjustment is in compliance with Liberty's tariff. Therefore, the Commission will approve Liberty's tariff sheet. So that the tariff sheet becomes effective on its requested effective date, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JE-2024-0153, as substituted on May 7, 2024, is approved and shall be effective on June 1, 2024:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4

2nd Revised Sheet No. 7a Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 7a

2. The Commission will direct Liberty to provide the workpapers supporting its calculations for all future quarterly reports required under Liberty's REPP.

3. This order shall be effective on June 1, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Clark, Senior 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 15th day of May 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 15, 2024

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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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