

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

In the Matter of the 2023 RES Compliance)
Report and 2024 Compliance Plan of The) **File No. EO-2024-0297**
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty)

STAFF REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”),
by and through counsel, and for its Staff Report, states as follows:

1. On April 15, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed its Renewable Energy Standard (RES) 2023 RES Compliance Report (“Report”) and its Compliance Plan (“Plan”) for calendar years 2024 through 2026 as required by Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8).

2. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(D) requires Staff to review Ameren Missouri’s Compliance Plan and Compliance Report and file a Staff report within 45 days of their filing.

I. The Report

3. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(A)1.A. through P. provide the minimum filing requirements for the RES Compliance Report.

4. As discussed in greater detail in *Staff’s Memorandum*, attached and incorporated herein as Attachment A, Staff has not identified any deficiencies in the Report. Liberty has retired sufficient renewable energy credits (“RECs”) to satisfy the 2023 RES requirements.

II. The Plan

5. Commission rule 20 CSR 4240-20.100(8)(B)1.A. through G. establishes fundamental standards for RES Compliance Plans.

6. As discussed in greater detail in *Staff's Memorandum*, attached and incorporated herein as Attachment B, Staff did not identify any deficiencies with Liberty's Plan.

7. Staff has not made a ratemaking determination as to whether the Plan is the least expensive or prudent method for complying with the RES. Staff recommends that the Commission be explicit in any Order it may issue in this case that it is not making a ratemaking determination.

WHEREFORE, Staff tenders its Staff Report on Ameren Missouri's 2023 Compliance Report and 2024 through 2026 RES Compliance Plan.

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 30th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle