

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

In the Matter of The Empire District	)	
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty's Demand	)	
Side Investment Mechanism Rider Rate	)	<b><u>File No. EO-2025-0046</u></b>
Adjustment and True-Up Required by 20	)	Tariff No. JE-2025-0016
CSR 4240-20.093(4)	)	

**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION TO FILE STAFF RECOMMENDATION  
AND GRANTING VARIANCE**

Issue Date: August 29, 2024

Effective Date: August 29, 2024

On August 2, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed supporting testimony and tariff sheets to true-up its demand-side investment mechanism rate to adjust for an over-recovery during the first year of Liberty's Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act Cycle 1. Those tariff sheets bear an effective date of October 1, 2024.

On August 5, 2024, the Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation regarding Liberty's tariff sheets no later than August 30, 2024.

On August 29, 2024, Staff filed a *Motion for Extension* to file its recommendation. Staff states that, after discussions with Liberty, Liberty filed a substitute tariff sheet and correction to the direct testimony of Kim Dragoo on August 28, 2024. Staff requests an extension of time to file its recommendation in order to analyze the substitute tariff sheet and corrected testimony, conduct relevant discovery, and have the necessary time to draft its recommendation.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B) requires Staff to examine and analyze the information filed by Liberty and to submit a recommendation no later than 30 days after Liberty's tariff filing. However, under Commission Rule 20 CSR

4240-20.093(14), the Commission may grant a variance from any provision of the rule upon request and for good cause shown.

The Commission finds there is good cause shown to grant a variance from Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B) and will do so in granting Staff's motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff's *Motion for Extension* is granted.
2. Staff is granted a variance from the requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(4)(B) to examine and analyze the information filed by Liberty and to submit a recommendation no later than 30 days after Liberty's tariff filing.
3. Staff shall file a recommendation on Liberty's substitute tariff sheet no later than September 13, 2024.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.**



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

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**August 29, 2024**

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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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