

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Gas	)	
Company d/b/a Liberty Filing of its	)	<b><u>Case No. GT-2025-0072</u></b>
Revised Weather Normalization Adjustment	)	Tariff No. JG-2025-0024
Rider (WNAR) Tariff	)	

**STAFF STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR  
EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ITS RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report and Motion for Extension of Time to File its Recommendation* states as follows:

1. On August 30, 2024, Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (“Empire”) filed a tariff sheet to revise its weather normalization rider (“WNAR”) rates for its Residential and Small General Service Sales Classes. The tariff sheet has an issue date of August 30, 2024, and an effective date of October 1, 2024, and was assigned Tracking No. JG-2025-0024.

2. On September 4, 2024, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding the tariff sheet no later than September 13, 2024.

3. Staff reviewed the tariff sheet filed by Empire on August 30, 2024, and during Staff’s review of the submitted tariff sheet, JG-2025-0024, and the associated workpapers, Staff determined Empire did not utilize ranked heating days supplied by Staff as required in Empire’s last rate case (GR-2021-0320) and Staff notified Empire of the discrepancy.

4. On September 12, 2024, Empire filed a Substitute Tariff along with the associated workpapers with the Commission.

5. The substitute tariff language for the WNAR and its associated workpapers does not allow enough time for Staff to conduct discovery and analysis; therefore, Staff is uncertain to what extent the prior or the updated calculation will impact the proposed rates. Due to Staff receiving the Substituted WNAR tariff and its workpapers the day before the filing deadline for Staff's recommendation, Staff needs additional time to review and analyze this information in order to develop a comprehensive recommendation. Therefore, Staff requests the Commission order Staff to submit a recommendation on the substitute tariff by September 20, 2024.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order granting Staff additional time to review and analyze the newly submitted Substitute WNAR tariff and its associated workpapers; and order Staff to submit its recommendation no later than September 20, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

**/s/ J. Scott Stacey**