## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 25th day of September, 2024.

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

# NOTICE THAT WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT RIDER TARIFF SHEET WILL TAKE EFFECT OCTOBER 1, 2024

Issue Date: September 25, 2024

On August 30, 2024,<sup>1</sup> The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) filed proposed revisions to its Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) tariff sheet in Tracking No. JG-2025-0024. The tariff sheet was later substituted on September 12,<sup>2</sup> and again on September 13. The tariff sheet bears an October 1 effective date.

The purpose of the WNAR tariff sheet is to adjust revenues, either positive or negative, for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days for the twelve-month period ending September 30, 2025. The tariff sheet filed is a mandatory annual filing pursuant to Empire's WNAR tariff, as set forth in Empire's last rate case, GR-2021-0320.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The tariff sheet substitution on September 12 included a later effective date which was subsequently removed by the tariff sheet substitution filed on September 13; thus the September 12 substitution is not under consideration.

On September 18, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its Recommendation. Staff reviewed the tariff sheet and corresponding workpapers and weather data, and recommended approval of the tariff sheet. Staff explained that the WNAR adjustment would increase the average monthly bill, based on 100 Ccf<sup>3</sup> of natural gas usage in a given billing month, of the typical residential customer by approximately \$1.87. A small general service class customer using 100 Ccf of natural gas in a given billing month would see a \$1.20 increase.

The table below shows the proposed change in rates:

Class	Current WNAR Rate	Proposed WNAR Rate
Residential	\$0.01632/Ccf	\$0.03506/Ccf
Small General Service Sales	\$.01896/Ccf	\$0.03099/Ccf

The Commission set a time for responses to the application or Staff's recommendation for approval.<sup>4</sup> No party responded, and no party opposed approval of the tariff sheet. The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheet and Staff's Recommendation and Memorandum and finds that the tariff sheet should be approved. Based upon Staff's verified Recommendation, the Commission will take no action regarding the tariff sheet filed on August 30, as substituted on September 13, assigned Tracking No. JG-2025-0024, and gives notice that the tariff sheet will go into effect by operation of law on October 1. The tariff sheet going into effect is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 68, Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 68.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Ccf stands for one hundred cubic feet of gas.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).

#### BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell



Nancy Dippell Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman and Mitchell CC., concur. Kolkmeyer, C., absent.

Hatcher, 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

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

Sincerely,

Secretary

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