

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Fuel Costs) **File No. EU-2021-0274**
Related to the Extraordinary Weather Event)
of February 2021)

**ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED
APPROVAL OF WAIVER**

Issue Date: March 23, 2021

Effective Date: March 23, 2021

On March 22, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed an application requesting a variance from its Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff to allow it to delay its next Fuel Adjustment Rate filing that would otherwise be due by April 1, 2021. Because of the filing deadline, Liberty asks the Commission to rule on its motion before April 1.

If the Commission is to rule on the application before April 1, it will need an expedited recommendation from its Staff. If Staff cannot submit a recommendation within the time allowed, it may file a statement indicating when it will be able to file a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Liberty's application for waiver and its request for expedited approval of that application by March 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
2. Any other party wishing to respond to Liberty's application and its request for expedited approval of that application by March 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of March, 2021.