# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) for Authority	)	N 000- 040-
to Implement Rate Adjustments Related to the	)	File No. ER-2025-0125
Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment (FAC) Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)	)	Tariff No. JE-2025-0046
In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Fuel Adjustment	)	File No. EO-2025-0126
(FAC) True-Up	)	

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DEADLINES FOR INTERVENTION APPLICATIONS AND STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: October 2, 2024 Effective Date: October 2, 2024

On October 1, 2024,<sup>1</sup> The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty submitted direct testimony and a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate and bearing an effective date of December 1. Also on October 1, Liberty initiated a rate adjustment true-up, to be included in the proposed fuel adjustment rate.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 provides a 60-day timeline for resolution of these rate adjustment mechanism proceedings. The Commission will direct notice be given and set a deadline for intervention applications. The Commission will also direct Staff to file recommendations in both cases, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090.

Parties to Liberty's most recent general rate proceeding in which the Commission established, continued, or modified the electric utility's rate adjustment mechanism are automatically parties to these proceedings without application for intervention, pursuant

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

to 20 CSR 4240-20.090(17). Thus, the parties to File No. ER-2024-0274 are parties to these cases.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Data Center shall add the parties from File No. ER-2024-0274 to the service list for these cases, and shall provide a copy of this order to those parties.
- 2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to the county commissions for each county in Liberty's service territory.
- 3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of this order to news media serving residents in Liberty's service territory
  - 4. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than October 16, 2024.
- 5. No later than October 31, 2024, the Staff of the Commission shall file recommendations reporting Staff's examination and analysis of Liberty's application and tariff sheet in these two cases, as provided by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and (9).
- 6. Any response to Liberty's proposed fuel adjustment rate and/or proposed true-up amount from the Office of the Public Counsel and other parties shall be filed no later than November 11, 2024, as provided by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and (9).
  - 7. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell Secretary

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Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024.

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## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION October 2, 2024

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

Sincerely,

Secretary

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.