

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

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)	
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)	<u>Case No. ER-2021-0312</u>
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for)	Tracking No. JE-2025-0056
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its)	
Missouri Service Area)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet* as follows:

1. On October 16, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (the “Company”) filed a tariff sheet for the Company’s Renewable Energy Purchase Program (“the Program”), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 4th Revised Sheet No. 7a. The submitted tariff sheet bore a proposed effective date of December 1, 2024, and was assigned Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0056.

2. Also on October 16, 2024, the Commission directed Staff to file, no later than October 31, 2024, a recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheet.

3. As reflected in Staff’s Memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet, with an effective date of December 1, 2024.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the following tariff sheet filed by the Company on October 16, 2024, with an effective date of December 1, 2024:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4
4th Revised Sheet No. 7a Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 7a

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 24th day of October 2024.

/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. ER-2021-0312, Tracking No. JE-2025-0056

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company,
d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

FROM: Malachi Bowman, Associate Engineer, Engineering Analysis Department

/s/ Malachi Bowman / 10-24-2024
Industry Analysis Division

SUBJECT: Renewable Energy Purchase Plan

DATE: October 24, 2024

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On October 16, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (“Company”), submitted a revised tariff sheet for the Company’s Renewable Energy Purchase Program (“Program”), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 4th Revised Sheet No. 7a with an effective date of December 1, 2024.

On October 16, 2024, the Commission issued its Order Directing A Staff Tariff Recommendation And Setting Time For Responses about Liberty’s Tariff Revision, ordering Staff to file its recommendation on the tariff sheet¹ no later than October 31, 2024.

BACKGROUND

The Company proposed its Renewable Energy Purchase Plan as part of its 2021 rate case². The purpose of the Program is to offer non-residential customers the opportunity to offset their carbon emissions by up to 100% of their electricity consumption through the purchase of renewable energy credits (“RECs”). The Program was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. The tariff that was placed into effect contains language requiring the Company to periodically review the REC rate:

¹ JE-2025-0056.

² ER-2021-0312.

On a quarterly basis, the Company shall perform a review of the previous three months' average weighted price ("Quarterly Review") for the Company's REC sales to the schedule's REC Rate. If the REC Rate is outside a five percent threshold as compared to the Quarterly Review, the REC Rate will be recalculated as the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month ending period. This updated REC Rate shall become effective with the first billing cycle of the following month.

STAFF REVIEW

The tariff sheet updates the REC rate, previously set at \$2.52 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") rate of \$2.67 per 1,000 kWh for the 12-month period ending September 2024. Staff has reviewed the workpapers provided by the Company and agrees that \$2.67 is the weighted average for the 12-month period ending September 2024.

Per the Company's tariff, the REC rate is up for review on a quarterly basis.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheet, as filed on October 16, 2024 to go into effect on and after December 1, 2024, the requested effective date:

PSC MO No. 6, Section 4
4th Revised Sheet No. 7a Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 7a

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AFFIDAVIT OF MALACHI BOWMAN

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW MALACHI BOWMAN and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*, in Memorandum form; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

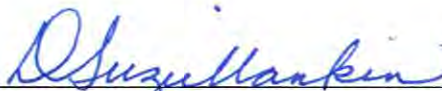


MALACHI BOWMAN

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 24th day of October 2024.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
Commission Number: 12412070



Notary Public