

**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) **File No. ER-2024-0261**
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates) Tracking No. JE-2025-0069
for Electric Service Provided to Customers)
In its Missouri Service Area)

**ORDER GIVING NOTICE, SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE,
SETTING A DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE TEST YEAR,
AND SETTING A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: November 8, 2024

Effective Date: November 8, 2024

On November 6, 2024,¹ The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or “Company”) filed tariff sheets designed to increase its gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$92 million, or a 15.99% increase over current base rate electric service revenues. The tariff sheets have a proposed effective date of December 6.

Liberty proposes a test year of the twelve months ending September 30, 2023, and further proposes the test year be updated through September 30, 2024.² The Company is not requesting a true-up process.

The Commission will provide notice of Liberty’s filing, provide time for intervention, and set a deadline to respond to the proposed test year. The Commission will set an early procedural conference to discuss a proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Submission of List of Issues and Position Statements at least ten days in advance of the hearing;

¹ All dates refer to 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

² Emery Direct, p. 7.

- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Allowance for ten business days for hearing transcript preparation and filing;
- A time frame for local public hearings; and
- An evidentiary hearing.

Any request for expedited hearing transcripts should be made before the procedural schedule is established.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county within the service area of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty.

2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing the service area of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty and to the news media as appropriate.

3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than November 27, 2024, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

4. Any party wishing to respond to Liberty's proposed test year shall do so no later than December 5, 2024.

5. The Commission will set an early procedural conference for December 2, 2024, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in Room 110 of the Governor Office Building,

200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This conference will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference. Any entity, group, or person that has filed an application to intervene may ask for permission to participate in the procedural conference if they have not yet been granted intervention.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of November, 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 8th day of November 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

November 8, 2024

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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