

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

In the Matter of the Ninth Prudence)
Review of Costs Subject to the)
Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment) **Case No. EO-2021-0281**
Clause of The Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire))

STAFF’S NOTICE OF NINTH PRUDENCE REVIEW REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and submits Staff’s Ninth Prudence Review Report (incorporated by reference) of costs related to the Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) for the electric operations of the Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire).

1. On March 4, 2021, Staff filed *Staff’s Notice of Start of Ninth Fuel Adjustment Clause Prudence Review* (Notice) informing the Commission that it had begun its review of the costs subject to Empire’s FAC. On March 4, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Acknowledging Parties, and Setting Deadline for Intervention* (Order).

2. The Notice described Staff’s plan to conduct a prudence review of the costs and revenues associated with Empire’s FAC for the period September 1, 2020, through February 28, 2021. This Review Period corresponds to the twenty-third (23rd), twenty-fourth (24th), and twenty-fifth (25th) sequential FAC accumulation periods (each accumulation period being six months) of Empire’s FAC.

3. Staff has completed its prudence review and provides a detailed discussion of its findings in the Staff Prudence Review Report (Prudence Review Report) submitted concurrently in Public, Confidential, and Highly Confidential formats. As a result of its prudence review, and as more fully explained in the Prudence Review Report, Staff found

no incidence or evidence of imprudence for the items it examined for the period September 1, 20220 through February 28, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests the Commission accepts its Prudence Review Report of Empire's FAC and that the Commission issue such further orders herein as the Commission deems proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 31st day of August, 2021.