

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 14th day of November, 2024.

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: November 14, 2024

Effective Date: December 1, 2024

On October 16, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a tariff sheet to update the Renewable Energy Purchase Program (REPP) rate to reflect the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) rate for the twelve-month period ending September 2024. Liberty's proposed tariff sheet has a December 1, 2024, effective date.

Liberty's REPP was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. The purpose of the REPP 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 RECs. Under that program, Liberty is required to perform a quarterly review of its REC sales and REC rate. If the REC rate is outside a five percent threshold, Liberty must recalculate the rate as the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month ending period. Liberty's proposed tariff sheet adjusts the previous REC rate of \$2.52 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the adjusted REC rate of \$2.67 per 1,000 kWh for the 12-months ending September 2024.

The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation and set a deadline for any responses to Liberty's tariff sheet. Staff filed its recommendation to approve the tariff sheet. No other responses were received.

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and Staff's verified recommendation and memoranda. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet updating the REPP rate adjustment is in compliance with Liberty's tariff. Therefore, the Commission will approve Liberty's tariff sheet. So that the tariff sheet becomes effective on its requested effective date, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JE-2025-0056, is approved and shall be effective on December 1, 2024:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4

4th Revised Sheet No. 7a Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 7a

2. This order shall be effective on December 1, 2024.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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 14th day of November 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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