

5. Staff has reviewed Empire's Further Response to Staff's Recommendation that was filed on November 26, 2024, and Staff agrees with Empire that prime minus 2% is the appropriate carrying cost in this matter.

6. Staff further agrees with the balances listed in Empire's Attachment A, which was filed with its Further Response to Staff's Recommendation, and recommends approval of the ACA balances as shown in Empire's Attachment A.

7. There are no remaining issues that may require a procedural schedule and such matter can be closed upon an Order approving Empire's 2021-2022 final ACA balances addressed in paragraph 5 and 6 above, and Empire's Attachment A.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its Staff Reply and Recommendation to Approve ACA Balances, and for the reasons stated above Staff respectfully recommends the Commission issue an order approving Empire's ACA balances as set forth in paragraph 5 and 6 above, and in Empire's Attachment A; close this case file; and any other relief as is just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 5th day of December, 2024.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas)
Company's d/b/a Liberty's Purchased) Case No. GR-2023-0129
Gas Adjustment Tariff Filing)

AFFIDAVIT OF LISA SCHLUP

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW LISA SCHLUP, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

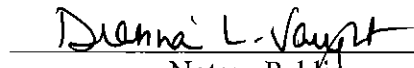
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



LISA SCHLUP

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 5th day of December 2024.



Notary Public

