

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

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: December 10, 2024

Effective Date: December 10, 2024

On November 6, 2024,¹ The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed tariff sheets designed to increase its gross annual electric revenues. The Commission issued notice and set a deadline of November 27 for applications to intervene.

EDRA

On November 15, the Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association, LLC (EDRA) timely filed an application to intervene. EDRA stated that it consists of retirees of Liberty and their spouses; retirees who have earned certain post-career benefits, including, but not limited to, pensions and health care. EDRA stated its interests are different than those of the general public. On December 3, EDRA supplemented its application to intervene and stated that it has not yet taken a position on the application, and expects to take positions after participating in discovery. EDRA also stated that its intervention would serve the public interest.

¹ All dates refer to 2024 unless otherwise indicated.

IBEW - LOCAL 1474

On November 25, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 1474 (Local 1474) timely filed an application to intervene. Local 1474 stated that it is a labor organization and has a collective bargaining agreement with Liberty. Local 1474 stated its interests are different than those of the general public in that conditions of employment may be at issue during this case and that its members may be impacted by the final order. Local 1474 stated that it has not yet taken a position on the application, and expects to take positions after obtaining more information through the discovery and prehearing process.

RENEW MISSOURI

On November 26, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri timely filed an application to intervene. Renew Missouri stated that it is an advocate for renewable energy and energy efficiency efforts in Missouri. Renew Missouri stated its interests are different than those of the general public. Renew Missouri also stated that its intervention would serve the public interest. Renew Missouri stated that it has not yet taken a position on the application, and expects to take positions in its direct or responsive testimony.

MECG

On November 27, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG) timely filed an application to intervene. MECG stated that it represents the interests of large commercial and industrial users of electricity in the areas served by Liberty. MECG stated its interests are different than those of the general public. MECG stated that it has not yet taken a position on the application, and expects to take positions in pre-filed testimony.

CONCLUSION

More than ten days have passed since the filing of the above described applications to intervene and no one has responded.² After considering the unopposed applications to intervene, the Commission finds that EDRA, Local 1474, Renew, and MEGC each have interests which are different from the general public and which could be affected by a final order. The Commission also finds that the participation of EDRA and Renew Missouri would serve the public interest. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the applications to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to intervene of the Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association, LLC is granted.
2. The application to intervene of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 1474 is granted.
3. The application to intervene of Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri is granted.
4. The application to intervene of the Midwest Energy Consumers Group is granted.
5. This order shall be effective when issued.

² Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).



BY THE COMMISSION

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 the 10th day of December, 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 10th day of December 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

December 10, 2024

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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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