

**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) Case No. ER-2024-0261
For Electric Service Provided to Customers)
In its Missouri Service Area)

**RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER REGARDING LIBERTY’S
TEST YEAR AND UPDATE PERIOD**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or the “Company”), by and through counsel, and for its Response to Commission Order Regarding Liberty’s Test Year and Update Period, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On November 6, 2024, Liberty submitted its general rate case filing based upon a test year ending September 30, 2023, updated through September 30, 2024.
2. On December 9, 2024, the Staff of Commission (“Staff”) timely filed a response regarding the Company’s test year and update period proposal. Staff stated that it did not oppose the requested test year; however, in that filing, Staff recommended that the Commission order Liberty to provide its complete update to the parties by no later than December 19, 2024.
3. On December 10, 2024, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Liberty Respond to Staff’s Requested Update to Parties*, directing Liberty to make a filing herein by December 13, 2024.
4. Staff, Liberty, and all parties hereto have discussed the proposed procedural schedule due to be filed by Staff on this date; and Staff and Liberty have discussed and reached agreement regarding Liberty’s test year and update period.

5. Staff, with agreement of all parties, will be filing a proposed procedural schedule herein on December 13, 2024, containing a date for Liberty to provide its complete update to the parties (January 17, 2025), as well as an earlier date for the provision of partial update information (December 19, 2024),¹ fully resolving the matter.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully submits its Response to Commission Order Regarding Liberty's Test Year and Update Period and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Items to be provided by the Company on December 19, 2024:

- Monthly kWh opt out for applicable rate schedules (Test Year and Update Period),
- Monthly Update Period of billing determinants for customer who switched rates (Update Period),
- Monthly transformer ownership and metering adjustments (Test Year and Update Period),
- Customer count of non-AMI data recorders (Test Year and Update Period),
- Monthly net metering kWh (Test Year and Update Period),
- Monthly Community solar availability and subscribed blocks (Test Year and Update Period), and
- Preliminary Update Period Billing Determinants and Manual Adjustments in the format provided to Staff via email on December 11, 2024.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 13th day of December, 2024, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record, and I further certify that the above document was sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter