

# 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 ESTABLISHING TEST YEAR

Issue Date: December 13, 2024

Effective Date: December 13, 2024

On November 6, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty or “Company”) filed tariff sheets designed to increase its gross annual electric revenues. Liberty proposed a test year of the twelve months ending September 30, 2023, and further proposed the test year be updated through September 30, 2024.<sup>1</sup> The Company did not request a true-up process.

On December 9, 2024 the Staff of Commission (Staff) timely filed its response in which it stated that it did not oppose the requested test year. However, Staff noted it had concerns concerning the billing determinant data for the update period. Staff recommended that the Commission order Liberty to provide its complete update to the parties no later than December 19, 2024. No other parties responded to Liberty’s proposed test year.

On December 13, 2024, Liberty responded that it and Staff have reached an agreement regarding Liberty’s test year and update period. Staff, with the agreement of

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<sup>1</sup> Emery Direct, p. 7.

the parties, will be filing a proposed procedural schedule which includes a date of January 17, 2025, for Liberty to provide its complete update. The proposed procedural schedule will also include a date of December 19, 2024, for Liberty to provide a partial update.<sup>2</sup>

Therefore, the Commission finds the unopposed proposed test year to be reasonable and will establish it as the test year.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The test year shall be the twelve month period ending September 30, 2023, updated through September 30, 2024.
2. This order is effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 13th 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**December 13, 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 style with a large, prominent "N" and "D".

**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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