BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty's Application to Implement and Continue Robust and Mutually Beneficial Energy Efficiency Offerings Under the Framework Prescribed by MEEIA

File No. EO-2025-0124

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND SETTING A WEBEX PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 3, 2025

Effective Date: February 3, 2025

On January 31, 2025, the Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed tariff sheets and an application seeking the Commission's approval to establish a Demand Site Investment Mechanism (DSIM). Liberty's tariff sheets bear an April 1, 2025, effective date. The application and tariff sheets are to initiate Liberty's Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (MEEIA) Cycle 2. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.094(4)(H), requires the Commission to approve, approve with modification acceptable to the electric utility, or reject the DSIM application within 120 days of the filing. Therefore, the Commission must issue a decision in this matter no later than May 31, 2025.

On December 19, 2024, the Commission issued its order approving a stipulation and agreement in File No. EO-2022-0078 extending Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 until March 31, 2025. As part of its application Liberty requests that the Commission shorten the intervention deadline to accommodate its intention to have MEEIA Cycle 2 tariffs effective April 1, 2025. Based on Liberty's assertion that it intends to resolve this MEEIA Cycle 2 request with a stipulation and agreement, the Commission will set a two-week intervention deadline. Liberty's proposed timeline does not leave room for a conventional procedural schedule with prefiled testimony and an evidentiary hearing. Therefore, the Commission will set a WebEx procedural conference to discuss a condensed procedural schedule with the parties.

The Commission will direct its Data Center to serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Liberty's service area. In addition, the Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Liberty's service area and to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of Liberty's service area.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to intervene no later than February 17, 2025.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Liberty's service area.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of Liberty's service area and to the news media serving the residents of Liberty's service area.

4. The parties shall appear at a WebEx procedural conference on February 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. The WebEx meeting number is 2867 112 9212. The telephone number to participate is 1-650-479-3207, and the password to attend is 0124.

5. This order is effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 3rd day of February, 2025.

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 3rd day of February 2025.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 3, 2025

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

Sincerely,

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