

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 DIRECTING RESPONSES

Issue Date: February 21, 2025

Effective Date: February 21, 2025

On February 5, 2025,¹ the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed *Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff Sheets and Dismiss Application*. Also on February 5, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed *Staff's Motion to Dismiss the Application of The Empire District Electric Company for a Rate Increase*.

On February 14, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed its *Response to Staff's and OPC's Motions to Dismiss Application*.

On February 20, OPC filed *Public Counsel's Reply to Liberty's Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff Sheets and Dismiss Liberty's Application*, which, among other items, requested financial sanctions be imposed on Empire for its disclosure of the terms of settlement negotiations, which under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(7) are privileged.

The Commission will set a time for responses to *Public Counsel's Reply to Liberty's Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff Sheets and Dismiss Liberty's*

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

Application.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Empire and Staff shall file responses to *Public Counsel's Reply to Liberty's Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff Sheets and Dismiss Liberty's Application* no later than March 3, 2025.

2. Any other responses to *Public Counsel's Reply to Liberty's Response to Public Counsel's Motion to Reject Tariff Sheets and Dismiss Liberty's Application* shall be filed no later than March 3, 2025.

3. This order is effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



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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 this 21st 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 21st day of February 2025.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

February 21, 2025

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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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