

**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 )	<b><u>Case No. ER-2021-0312</u></b>
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for )	Tracking No. JE-2025-0118
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its )	
Missouri Service Area )	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET**

**COMES NOW** Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet* as follows:

1. On January 29, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (the "Company") filed a tariff sheet for the Company's Renewable Energy Purchase Program ("the Program"), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 5th Revised Sheet No. 7a. The submitted tariff sheet bore a proposed effective date of April 1, 2025, and was assigned Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0118.

2. On January 31, 2025, the Commission directed Staff to file, no later than February 26, 2025, a recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheet.

3. As reflected in Staff's Memorandum attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet, with an effective date of April 1, 2025.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the following tariff sheet filed by the Company on January 29, 2025, with an effective date of April 1, 2025:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4  
5th Revised Sheet No. 7a Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 7a

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**

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Missouri Public Service Commission

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025.

**/s/ Jeffrey A. Keevil**

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File Case No. ER-2021-0312,  
Tracking No. JE-2025-0118

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a  
Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided  
to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

**FROM:** Malachi Bowman, Associate Engineer, Engineering Analysis Department

/s/ Malachi Bowman 2/26/2025  
Staff Member / Date

**SUBJECT:** Renewable Energy Purchase Plan

**DATE:** February 26, 2025

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On January 29, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or “Company”) submitted a revised tariff sheet for the Company’s Renewable Energy Purchase Program (“Program”), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7a with an effective date of April 1, 2025.

On January 31, 2025, the Commission issued its Order Directing A Staff Tariff Recommendation about Liberty’s Tariff Revision and Setting Time for Responses, ordering Staff to file its recommendation on the tariff sheet<sup>1</sup>, no later than February 26, 2025.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Company proposed its Renewable Energy Purchase Plan as part of its 2021 rate case<sup>2</sup>. The purpose of the Program is to offer non-residential customers the opportunity to offset their carbon emissions by up to 100% of their electricity consumption through the purchase of renewable energy credits (“RECs”). The Program was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. The tariff that was placed into effect contains language requiring the Company to periodically review the REC rate:

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<sup>1</sup> JE-2025-0118

<sup>2</sup> ER-2021-0312

On a quarterly basis, the Company shall perform a review of the previous three months' average weighted price ("Quarterly Review") for the Company's REC sales to the schedule's REC Rate. If the REC Rate is outside a five percent threshold as compared to the Quarterly Review, the REC Rate will be recalculated as the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month ending period. This updated REC Rate shall become effective with the first billing cycle of the following month.

### **STAFF REVIEW**

The tariff sheet updates the REC rate, previously set at \$2.67 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") rate of \$2.73 per 1,000 kWh for the 12-month period ending December 2024. Staff has reviewed the workpapers provided by the Company and agrees that \$2.73 is the weighted average for the 12-month period ending December 2024.

Per the Company's tariff, the REC rate is up for review on a quarterly basis.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheet, as filed on January 29, 2025, to go into effect on and after April 1, 2025, the requested effective date:

PSC MO No. 6, Section 4

5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7a Cancelling 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. 7a

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MALACHI BOWAN**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE )

**COMES NOW MALACHI BOWMAN** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

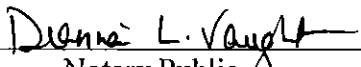
Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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**MALACHI BOWMAN**

**JURAT**

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August 2024.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
State of Missouri  
Commissioned for Cole County  
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027  
Commission Number: 15207377

  
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Notary Public