

February 28, 2025

Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Securitized Utility Tariff Charge (Rider SUTC) – Additional True-Up Filing Case No. EO-2022-0040

Dear Judge Dippell:

Liberty is providing herewith to the Commission for filing, in electronic form, the 2nd Revised Tariff Sheet No. 26e and the True-Up Rider SUTC rate calculation.

At the time of the bond payment on January 1, 2025, the Company was short on funds and had to draw down from the capital account and utilize the funds intended to pay the ongoing costs for 2024 to make the bond payment. This was due to the Company experiencing variances in actual usage versus projected usage during 2024. Utilizing the 2024 revenue collection shortfall and 2025 actual and projected collections, the Company is forecasting under collections for the next bond payments on July 1, 2025, and January 1, 2026. As such, Liberty is making this mandatory filing to ensure its ability to make timely bond payments.

Due to the urgency of this update, the revised tariff sheet bears a proposed effective date of April 1, 2025 (more than 30 days but less than 45 days after submission). The Company provided the Rider SUTC calculation workpaper to the Commission Staff prior to the filing for review, and the workpaper is being provided to all parties at this time.

Please bring this SUTC true-up filing to the attention of the Commissioners and the appropriate Commission personnel, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

Diana C. Carter