

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 5th day of
March, 2025.

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)	
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)	
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates)	<u>File No. ER-2024-0261</u>
for Electric Service Provided to Customers)	Tracking No. JE-2025-0127
In its Missouri Service Area)	

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

Issue Date: March 5, 2025

Effective Date: March 5, 2025

On February 26, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed tariff sheets designed to increase its annual electric revenues by a total of approximately \$152 million. The tariff sheets have a proposed effective date of March 28, 2025.

Section 393.150, RSMo (2016), authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of proposed tariffs for 120 days, plus up to an additional six months to allow for a hearing. To provide sufficient time to determine if Liberty's proposed tariffs are just and reasonable,¹ the Commission will suspend the tariffs for 120 days beyond their effective date. The Commission's prior experience in similar matters demonstrates that a full hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, so, as further explained below, the Commission will suspend the tariffs for an additional five months and one week.²

¹ Section 393.140(5), RSMo, (2016).

² Section 393.150.2, RSMo, (2016).

Liberty's withdrawn tariff sheets were originally filed on November 6, 2024, and substituted on February 3, 2025, which delayed review by the other parties by 89 days. To achieve the equivalent of extending the original operation of law date by 89 days to January 2, 2026, the Commission will suspend the new tariff sheets from its effective date of March 28, 2025, for 120 days, plus five months and one week to January 2, 2026.

The Commission will also order the parties to submit an updated proposed procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets, Tracking No. JE-2025-0127, filed by Liberty are suspended for 120 days from March 28, 2025, to July 26, 2025, plus five months and one week thereafter, until January 2, 2026.
2. The parties shall file an updated proposed procedural schedule no later than March 26, 2025.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Kolkmeier,
and Mitchell CC., concur.

Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

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 5th day of March 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 5, 2025

File/Case No. ER-2024-0261

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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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