

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty Fuel and Purchase) **File No. EO-2025-0268**
Power Adjustment Clause (FAC) True-Up)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TRUE-UP FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation to Approve True-Up Filing* respectfully states:

1. On April 1, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty)(hereafter referred to as “Liberty” or “Company”) filed an Application with the Commission concerning its thirty-first true-up filing for Recovery Period 31 (“RP31”),¹ as allowed under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9), in order to remedy an under-collection of \$1,320,509 from its customers following its Accumulation Period 31 (“AP31”).²

2. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(D) requires the Commission’s Staff to examine and analyze the information Liberty has submitted and to submit a recommendation to the Commission no later than 30 days after Liberty made its filing—in this case, no later than May 1, 2025.

3. As explained in Staff’s *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference, Staff recommends the Commission approve Liberty’s thirty-first true-up filing for RP31, during which Liberty under-collected \$1,320,509 from its customers.

¹ June 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024.

² September 1, 2023 through February 29, 2024.

4. Staff reviewed and analyzed the direct testimony of Liberty witness Monica K. Gloodt, and her supporting work papers. Staff has concluded that Liberty's calculations for the true-up amount for RP 31 are correct. The under-collected amount will be collected from customers as it will be included in Liberty's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") filing in File No. ER-2025-0267.

5. Staff has verified that Liberty has filed its 2023 Annual Report³ and is not delinquent on any assessment. Liberty is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6), and its monthly reports required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). With the exception of Liberty's proposed changes to its current period fuel adjustment rates in its semi-annual FAC filing in File No. ER-2025-0267, Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits its analysis and recommends that the Commission approve Liberty's thirty-first true-up filing for RP31 during which Liberty under-collected \$1,320,509 from its customers.

³ On January 23, 2025, Liberty requested an extension of its 2024 annual report. Liberty's 2024 annual report is now due May, 15, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered, emailed or mailed, postage prepaid, to the parties of record as listed in the Service List maintained for this case by the Commission's Data Center, on this 1st day of May, 2025.

/s/ Tracy D. Johnson

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2025-0268
The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (Empire)

FROM: Amanda C. Conner, Senior Utility Regulatory Auditor

DATE: /s/ Amanda C. Conner May 1, 2025
Energy Resources Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Thirty-First Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: May 1, 2025

On April 1, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (hereafter "Liberty" or "Company") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in the form of direct testimony and supporting schedules of Liberty witness Monica K. Gloodt, its thirty-first true-up filing under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Accumulation Period 31 ("AP31") includes the time period September 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024, and is followed by Recovery Period 31 ("RP31"), which includes the billing months of June 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024. The true-up amount of \$1,320,509 identified in this filing is the result of an under-collection of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount for AP31 during RP31.

The true-up amount of \$1,320,509 for RP31 is included in the preliminary calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power ("FPA") amount included in Liberty's Accumulation Period 33 ("AP33") adjustment filing, also filed on April 1, 2025, in File No. ER-2025-0267, which Liberty filed in compliance with its FAC.¹

¹ The Empire District Electric Company's P.S.C. Mo. No. 6, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 17p tariff sheet (Item (T) and item (I) are defined in P.S.C. Mo. No. 6, Section 4, 1st Revised Sheet No. 17o):

TRUE-UP OF FPA: In conjunction with an adjustment to its FAR, the Company will make a true-up filing with an adjustment to its FAC on the first Filing Date that occurs after completion of each Recovery Period. The true-up adjustment shall be the difference between the FPA revenues billed and the FPA revenues authorized for collection during the true-up recovery period, i.e. the true-up adjustment. Any true-up adjustments or refunds shall be reflected in item (T) above and shall include interest calculated as provided for in item (I) above.

The Commission Staff (“Staff”) examined the direct testimony of Liberty witness Monica K. Gloodt, the supporting schedules and work papers Liberty provided with its true-up filing in this case, and the monthly information Liberty has submitted to the Commission. Staff also reviewed and agrees with Liberty’s monthly interest calculations for RP31.

Based on its examination and analysis of information Liberty filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission approve Liberty’s RP31 true-up filing for the billing months June 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024, during which Liberty under-collected \$1,320,509 from its customers for inclusion in the calculation of the FPA amount in Liberty’s AP33 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2025-0267.

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AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDA C. CONNER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

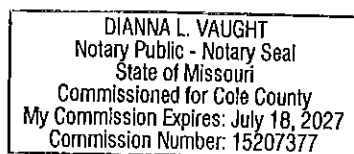
COMES NOW AMANDA C. CONNER and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

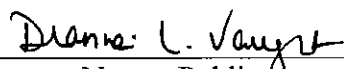
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


AMANDA C. CONNER

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 30th day of April 2025.





Notary Public