

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
The Empire District Electric Company)	
d/b/a Liberty and Southwest Electric)	<u>File No. EO-2025-0223</u>
Cooperative for Approval of Second)	Tracking No. JE-2025-0149
Territorial Agreement Designating)	
Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas for)	
Each Near the City of Bolivar, Missouri)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and submits its *Staff Recommendation* and in support thereof states as follows:

1. As noted in the Commission’s *Order Directing Recommendation on Revised Tariff* (“Order”), issued May 1, 2025, “[o]n April 30, 2025, the Commission issued a *Report and Order Approving Territorial Agreement* in this matter. Among other things, that order directed The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to submit revised tariff sheets to reflect the change in its certificated electric service area in Polk County resulting from the order.”

2. On May 1, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed a proposed revised tariff sheet as previously ordered, with a requested effective date of May 31, 2025. The proposed revised tariff sheet was filed as Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0149 and consisted of P.S.C. Mo. No. 6, Sec. B, 1st Revised Sheet No. 19, replacing Original Sheet No. 19. The Commission’s Order directed Staff to file a recommendation on the proposed revised tariff sheet no later than May 15, 2025.

3. The revised tariff sheet reflects the change to Liberty's Missouri electric service area as a result of its Territorial Agreement with Southwest Electric Cooperative in Polk County, which was approved by the Commission's *Report and Order Approving Territorial Agreement* issued April 30, 2025, with an effective date of May 10, 2025.

4. Liberty is current regarding its assessments and in filing its annual reports. Staff is not aware of any other matter pending before the Commission that affects or is affected by the filing of this tariff revision.

5. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheet filed by Liberty and determined that the sheet is in compliance with the Commission's *Report and Order Approving Territorial Agreement*.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue its Order approving the tariff sheet filed herein by Liberty in Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0149, P.S.C. Mo. No. 6, Sec. B, 1st Revised Sheet No. 19, replacing Original Sheet No. 19, with an effective date of May 31, 2025, as requested by Liberty.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 12th day of May, 2025.

/s/ Alexandra Klaus

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRODRICK NIEMEIER

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

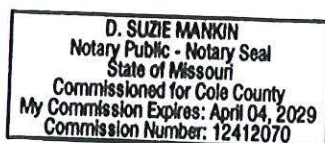
COMES NOW, BRODRICK NIEMEIER, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.


Further the Affiant sayeth not.


BRODRICK NIEMEIER

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 12th day of May 2025.




Notary Public