

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Empire District Electric )  
Company, Empire District Gas Company, )  
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a )  
Liberty Utilities, Liberty Utilities (Midstates )  
Natural Gas) Corp. d/b/a Liberty Utilities ) **File No. AO-2020-0335**  
(MNG) Motion for Temporary Variances )  
Regarding Electric, Gas, Water, and Sewer )  
Tariffs and the Impact of COVID-19 on )  
Missouri Customers )

## ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: June 15, 2020

Effective Date: June 15, 2020

On April 23, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company (EDE), The Empire District Gas Company (EDG), and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (Liberty Water) filed temporary tariff revisions that would allow for the payment of credits to customers who use a credit or debit card for electronically submitted payments and are charged a fee for that use. The Commission's Staff advised the Commission to reject the tariff filings. Public Counsel agreed with Staff. The Commission has suspended the tariffs until August 21, 2020

Following a procedural conference held on June 9, the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule on June 12 to consider the suspended tariffs. The parties agree that there are no factual issues in dispute and that no evidentiary hearing is needed. They suggest that the parties file briefs to address the presented legal issues. The Commission will adopt the proposed procedural schedule.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

Joint Stipulation of Facts	July 8, 2020
Legal Briefs	July 10, 2020

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2020.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.



  
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**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**June 15, 2020**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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