

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The)	
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a)	
Liberty and Ozark Electric Cooperative for)	<u>File No. EO-2025-0253</u>
Approval of a Written Territorial Agreement)	Tracking No. JE-2025-0177
Designating Boundaries of Exclusive)	
Service Areas for Each in Christian County)	

STAFF'S TARIFF COMPLIANCE RECOMMENDATION

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through its undersigned attorney, and makes the following recommendation.

1. On March 20, 2025,¹ The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Empire") and Ozark Electric Cooperative Inc. ("Ozark Electric"), filed a Joint Application requesting approval of a First Addendum to their Third Territorial Agreement.
2. On May 29, the Commission issued a Report and Order Approving Addendum to Territorial Agreement. Among other things, that order directed Empire to submit revised tariff sheets to reflect the change in its certificated electric service area in Christian County resulting from the Order.
3. On June 23, Empire filed tariff sheets bearing an effective date of July 23. They were assigned a tracking number of JE-2025-0177.
4. On June 24, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation no later than July 8 on whether the tariff sheets complied with the May 29 Order.
5. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets, and Staff's Memorandum is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as **Appendix A**. Staff's Memorandum

¹ All date references will be to 2025 unless otherwise stated.

describes fully and in detail its review, findings, conclusions and recommendations. As explained, Staff concludes that the tariff sheets comply with the Commission's May 29 Order and that Empire is current regarding its assessments and annual reports. Staff recommends, accordingly, that the Commission approve the tariff sheets, as set out below, with an effective date of July 23.

P.S.C. MO. SCHEDULE NO. 6 – SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ELECTRICITY

1 st Revised Sheet No. 20	Cancelling	Original Sheet No. 20
1 st Revised Sheet No. 20a	Cancelling	Original Sheet No. 20a
1 st Revised Sheet No. 20b	Cancelling	Original Sheet No. 20b
1 st Revised Sheet No. 20c	Cancelling	Original Sheet No. 20c
Original Sheet No. 20d		
Original Sheet No. 20e		
Original Sheet No. 20f		
Original Sheet No. 20g		
Original Sheet No. 20h		
Original Sheet No. 20i		
Original Sheet No. 20j		
Original Sheet No. 20k		
Original Sheet No. 20l		

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission accept the Staff's Report and Recommendation as compliant with the Commission's Orders.

Respectively Submitted,

/s/ *Paul T. Graham*

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 7th day of July, 2025.

/s/ *Paul T. Graham*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2025-0253, Tariff Tracking No. JE-2025-0177
The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty

FROM: Alan J. Bax, Industry Analysis Division – Engineering Analysis Dept.

SUBJECT: Staff Recommendation Recommending Approval of Revised Tariff
Sheets Filed to Comply With the Commission’s Report And Order
Approving Addendum No. 1 to the Third Territorial Agreement
between The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty and
Ozark Electric Cooperative Inc., Issued May 29, 2025, in Conjunction
With Case No. EO-2025-0253

DATE: July 7, 2025

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

On June 23, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (“Empire”) filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) revised tariff sheets (Schedule 6 – Schedule of Rates for Electricity, Sheets No. 20, 20a, 20b...20l). These revised tariff sheets reflect the changes to Empire’s electric service area in Christian County, Missouri, as a result of Addendum No. 1 to its Third Territorial Agreement (“3rd TA”) with Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc., (“Ozark”), which was approved by the Commission’s *Report and Order* issued May 29, 2025, with an effective date of June 8, 2025. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) has reviewed the proposed tariff sheets, which were timely filed in accordance with the Commission’s *Report and Order* in Case No. EO-2025-0253.

Staff recommends the Commission issue an Order approving the following proposed revised tariff sheets:

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Empire is current regarding its assessments and in filing its annual reports. Staff notes that Empire has an open case regarding its request for an increase in its electric rates pending before the Commission.

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Written Territorial Agreement Designating)	
Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas for Each)	
in Christian County)	

AFFIDAVIT OF ALAN J. BAX

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

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

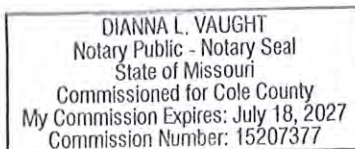
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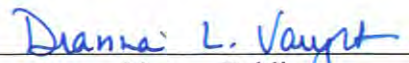


ALAN J. BAX

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 2nd day of July 2025.





Notary Public