BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Related to the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment (FAC) Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090))))	File No. ER-2021-0097
In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area))))	<u>File No. ER-2019-0374</u>

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES

Issue Date: November 4, 2020 Effective Date: November 4, 2020

On October 30, 2020, the Commission's Staff filed a recommendation regarding The Empire District Electric Company's (Empire) motion for a variance from the 60-day notice requirement of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(D)1,A, concerning new FAC charge types. Empire also filed an amended motion for variance asking for an additional variance from 60-day notice requirement for new FAC charge types found in its tariff. Empire responded to Staff's recommendation on November 4, 2020, reiterating that it does not believe that these are new charge types.

The Commission will order Public Counsel to respond to Staff's recommendation and Empire's *Amended Motion for Variance* and *Response to Staff Recommendation*. The Commission will order Empire to answer the question posed by Staff asking for further details of any financial changes to the current FAR filing, and whether allowing the full 60 days to elapse would cause any financial impacts to the current FAR filing, relating to the consolidation of the charge types.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. No later than November 6, 2020, Public Counsel shall file a response to Staff's recommendation and Empire's *Amended Motion for Variance* and *Response to Staff Recommendation*.
- 2. No later than November 6, 2020, Empire shall file a response detailing any financial changes to the current FAR filing, and whether allowing the full 60 days to elapse would cause any financial impacts to the current FAR filing, relating to the consolidation of the charge types.
 - 3. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 4th day of November, 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 4th day of November, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

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