

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates) **Case No. ER-2024-0261**
for Electric Service Provided to Customers)
In its Missouri Service Area)

ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: August 5, 2025

Effective Date: August 5, 2025

On August 5, 2025,¹ The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed *Response to Intervention Applications and Motion for Expedited Treatment* (Motion). The Motion is in response to two late-filed intervention requests from Evergy Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro and Evergy Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri West (collectively “Evergy”) and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri – both seeking to intervene regarding the issue of large load tariffs.

The Motion states that the Staff of the Commission (Staff) proposed a large load tariff in its direct testimony on rate design, which was filed July 21. The recently passed Senate Bill 4, specifically Section 393.130(7), RSMo, (effective August 28, 2025), will require certain electrical corporations to submit rate schedules for certain large load customers. The Motion argues that there is no requirement in Section 393.130(7) that such a new tariff be placed in effect by a date certain.

The Motion argues that the issue of large load tariffs should be a stand-alone case

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

separate from the present rate case. The Motion notes the existence of Evergy's and Ameren Missouri's stand-alone large load tariff cases, Case Nos. EO-2025-0154 and ET-2025-0184, respectively. Liberty stated it does not oppose Evergy's and Ameren Missouri's limited intervention requests if a large load tariff schedule remains an issue in this proceeding; however, the Motion requested that the Commission order the removal of the portions of Staff's testimony that proposed a large load tariff schedule. The Motion seeks an expedited ruling by August 8 as rebuttal testimony is due August 18.

In sum, Liberty requested removal of the testimony introducing a large load tariff, and further requested denial of the interventions as moot. The Commission will order responses from Staff, and shorten the time for responses from other parties to the Motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall file its response to the Motion no later than August 7, 2025.
2. Any other responses to the Motion shall be filed no later than August 7, 2025.
3. Evergy and Ameren Missouri may respond to the Motion even though they have not yet been granted intervention.
4. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

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Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of August, 2025.

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 5th day of August 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 5, 2025

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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