BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) for Authority to Implement Rate		se No. ER-2026-0 acking No. JE-2026	
Adjustments Related to the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment)))	JONING 140. 0E-2020	J-0002
(FAC) Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8))		
In the Matter of The Empire District)		
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) True-Up) <u>Ca</u>)	<u>se No. EO-2026-0</u>	090

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: October 1, 2025 Effective Date: October 1, 2025

On October 1, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) submitted direct testimony and a tariff designed to implement a true-up and adjustment under its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC). Empire requests that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff. The proposed tariff has an effective date of December 1, 2025.

Under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(F), the Staff of the Commission (Staff) must submit a recommendation regarding the proposed adjustments no later than thirty days after Empire's filing. Within sixty days after receiving the proposed adjustment, the Commission must: (1) issue an interim rate adjustment; (2) allow the tariff sheets and adjustments to take effect without a Commission order; or (3) suspend the timeline to receive additional evidence or hold a hearing, if required. Accordingly, the Commission will issue notice, set an intervention deadline, and direct Staff to file a recommendation.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(17)(A) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established Empire's fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to these cases, without the necessity of having to apply for intervention. Therefore, the Commission acknowledges that the parties to Case No. ER-2021-0312 are parties to these cases, and it will direct its Data Center to add those parties to the service lists.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the parties to Case No. ER-2021-0312, and it shall add all parties in that file to the service list for this case.
- The Commission's Data Center shall add all parties to Case No. ER-2021-0312 to the service lists for these cases.
- 3. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than October 15, 2025. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or delivered to: Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360.
- 4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a Recommendation no later than October 31, 2025.
- 5. Any responses to the Staff Recommendation shall be filed no later than November 7, 2025.
- 6. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the service territory of Empire.
- 7. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the news media serving the residents of Empire's service territory.

8. This order shall become effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1st day of October, 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 1st day of October 2025.

Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION October 1, 2025

File/Case No. ER-2026-0089 and EO-2026-0090

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

Sincerely,

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.