

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Clarification of PPA)
Replacement Values for The Empire) **File No. EO-2026-0101**
District Electric Company's d/b/a Liberty's)
Market Price Protection Mechanism)

ORDER OPENING CASE, DIRECTING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING TIME TO INTERVENE, AND SCHEDULING A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: October 14, 2025

Effective Date: October 14, 2025

The Commission is opening this case to address the appropriate purchased power agreements (PPA) replacement value in The Empire District Electric Company's d/b/a Liberty's Market Price Protection Mechanism (MPPM).

In Case No. ER-2021-0312 the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement clarifying aspects of the MPPM originally authorized in Case No. EA-2019-0010. The MPPM is a risk sharing mechanism designed to share the risk associated with Liberty's wind projects between shareholders and ratepayers.

Liberty made its first MPPM compliance filing on July 28, 2023. The Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) objected to Liberty's PPA replacement values and the Commission directed the parties to address the PPA replacement value as an issue in Liberty's next rate case.

In Liberty's current rate case, Case No. ER-2024-0261, the parties are again unable to agree on the appropriate PPA replacement values for the MPPM. This is a contentious unresolved issue in a rate case with many contested issues. This issue does not affect the revenue requirement in Liberty's current general rate case, and so the Commission will address it outside of Liberty's general rate case.

Therefore, the Commission will open this case to address the PPA replacement values in the MPPM. The Commission will also direct notice, establish a deadline to apply to intervene, and schedule a procedural conference. The parties in Liberty's current general rate case are automatically made parties to this case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This case is opened to address PPA replacement values in the MPPM.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice and order to each party in Liberty's current general rate case, Case No. ER-2024-0261 and to the county commission of each county within Liberty's service area. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make this order available to the news media serving Liberty's service area.
3. All parties to Case No. ER-2024-0261 are made parties to this case.
4. Any party wishing to apply to intervene shall file an appropriate motion no later than October 30, 2025, by transmitting it to:

Nancy Dippell, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 360
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or by using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

5. The parties shall appear at a WebEx procedural conference on November 4, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. The WebEx meeting number is 2869 652 9788. The telephone number to participate is 1-650-479-3207, and the password to attend is MPPM.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
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 14th 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 14th day of October 2025.



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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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.