

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Second Prudence Review)
of the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment)
Act (MEEIA) Cycle 1 Energy Efficiency)
Programs of The Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty)

File No. EO-2026-XXXX

**STAFF’S NOTICE OF START OF SECOND MEEIA PRUDENCE REVIEW OF
CYCLE 1 ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Notice of Start of Second MEEIA Prudence Review of Cycle 1 Energy Efficiency Programs of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”), respectfully states:

1. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240.093(11), authorized under §§ 393.1075.3 and 393.1075.11, RSMo., provides that “[a] prudence review of the costs subject to the DSIM¹ shall be conducted no less frequently than at twenty-four (24) month intervals.” Liberty’s Energy Efficiency Investment Charge tariff contains similar language regarding prudence reviews.²
2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.093(11), in part, requires the Staff to file notice within ten (10) days of starting its prudence review. It also establishes the following schedule by which certain events are to take place based on the date the Staff starts its prudence review:

¹ Demand-Side Programs Investment Mechanisms.

² The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Tariff P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Sec. 4, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 21e.

Time from start of Staff prudence Review to Event

Event

Within 150 days (04/01/26)

Submission of Staff Recommendation to Commission regarding Staff's examination and analysis

Within 160 days (04/11/26)

Request for hearing

Within 210 days (06/01/26)

Commission Order, if no hearing requested

3. This is Staff's second prudence review of the costs associated with Liberty's DSIM for its Cycle 1 energy efficiency programs. The Commission approved Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 for a one year period, from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022.³ A one year extension was granted through December 31, 2023⁴, another granted through December 31, 2024⁵, and another granted through March 31, 2025.⁶ In accordance with the rule, Staff plans to file its recommendation to the Commission regarding its examination and analyses in this case no later than April 1, 2026. The period under Staff's review is October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2025.⁷

4. The Staff's Energy Resources Department is primarily responsible for conducting the prudence review and may change its examination approach during this review, and in future prudence reviews as well, based on the particular circumstances existing at the time of the review.

³ Case No. EO-2022-0078, Commission Order Approving Agreement and Tariffs, filed on December 15, 2021.

⁴ Commission Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement, filed on November 21, 2022.

⁵ Commission Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement Extending Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 An Additional Year, filed on September 14, 2023.

⁶ Commission Order Approving Stipulation and Agreement and Tariff Sheets, filed on December 19, 2025.

⁷ Staff recognizes that with Liberty's Notice of Dismissal in EO-2025-0124, Liberty's Cycle 1 has ended of as March 31, 2025; however there could be some end of Cycle 1 payout costs after March 31, 2025. Therefore, Staff has made the review period through September 30, 2025, to capture any of those end of Cycle 1 payout costs.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission hereby provides notice that it started its second MEEIA prudence review of the costs associated with Liberty's Cycle 1 energy efficiency programs on November 3, 2025, and intends to file its recommendation regarding the Staff's examination and analyses in this case no later than April 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel and/or parties of record this 3rd day of November, 2025.

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