

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

In the Matter of the True-Up of The Empire)	
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire))	<u>File No. EO-2022-0275</u>
Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) True-Up)	Tariff No. JE-2022-0245

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, through counsel, and for its recommendation states:

1. On April 1, 2022 The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) (hereafter “Empire”) filed its twenty-fifth (25th) fuel adjustment clause true-up filing under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

2. On April 4, 2022 the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by May 2, 2022.

3. Based on its analysis of the information Empire filed, Staff recommends the Commission approve Empire’s true-up filing for the 25th Recovery Period (“RP25”) (billing months of June 2021 through November 2021), during which Empire under-collected \$413,876. Staff’s analysis is contained in the attached Staff Memorandum, marked as Appendix A.

4. The true-up amount of \$413,876 for RP25 is included in the preliminary calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power (“FPA”) amount included in the Company’s Accumulation Period 27 (“AP27”) adjustment filing, also filed on April 1, 2022, in File No. ER-2022-0274, which Empire filed in compliance with its FAC.

5. Empire is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6) and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

WHEREFORE, Based on its examination and analysis of information Empire filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission approve Empire's RP25 true-up filing for the billing months June 2021 through November 2021 during which Empire under-collected \$413,876 from its customers for inclusion in the calculation of the FPA amount in the Company's AP27 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2022-0274.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 2nd day of May, 2022.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
File No. EO-2022-0275
The Empire District Electric Company

FROM: Amanda C. Conner, Utility Regulatory Auditor

/s/ Amanda C. Conner 04/29/2022 /s/ Eric Vandergriff 04/29/2022
Energy Resources Department / Date Staff Counsel Department / Date

SUBJECT: Staff's Analysis of and Recommendation Concerning The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Twenty-Fifth Fuel Adjustment Clause True-up Filing Under the Provisions in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

DATE: April 29, 2022

On April 1, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), in the form of direct testimony and supporting schedules of Empire witness Charlotte T. Emery, its twenty-fifth true-up filing under the provisions of 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9).

Accumulation Period 25 ("AP25") includes the time period September 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021 and is followed by Recovery Period 25 ("RP25"), which includes the billing months of June 2021 through November 2021. The true-up amount of \$413,876 identified in this filing is the result of an under-collection of the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment ("FPA") amount for AP25 during RP25.

The true-up amount of \$413,876 for RP25 is included in the preliminary calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power ("FPA") amount included in Empire's Accumulation Period 27 ("AP27") adjustment filing, also filed on April 1, 2022, in File No. ER-2022-0274, which Empire filed in compliance with its FAC.¹

¹ The Empire District Electric Company's P.S.C. Mo. No. 5, Section 4, Original Sheet No. 17ab tariff sheet:

TRUE-UP OF FPA: In conjunction with an adjustment to its FAR, the Company will make a true-up filing with an adjustment to its FAC on the first Filing Date that occurs after completion of each Recovery Period. The true-up adjustment shall be the difference between the FPA revenues billed and the FPA revenues authorized for collection during the true-up recovery period, i.e. the true-up adjustment. Any true-up adjustments or refunds shall be reflected in item T above and shall include interest calculated as provided for in item I above.

The Commission Staff (“Staff”) examined the direct testimony of Empire witness Charlotte T. Emery, the amended direct testimony of Ms. Emery, the supporting schedules and work papers Empire provided with its true-up filing in this case, and the monthly information Empire has submitted to the Commission. Staff also reviewed and agrees with Empire’s monthly interest calculations for RP25.

Based on its examination and analysis of information Empire filed and submitted in this case, Staff recommends the Commission approve Empire’s RP25 true-up filing for the billing months June 2021 through November 2021 during which Empire under-collected \$413,876 from its customers for inclusion in the calculation of the FPA amount in Empire’s AP27 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2022-0274.

Staff has verified that Empire has filed its 2020 annual report² and is not delinquent on any assessment. Empire is current on its submission of its Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(6) and its monthly reports as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(5). Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing, except as noted herein.

² Empire filed an extension on March 15, 2022 requesting a 30 day Extension to file their 2021 Annual Report, which was due on April 15, 2022 and was granted the extension from the Commission. The extension allows for the Annual Report to be filed on May 15, 2022, after this filing.

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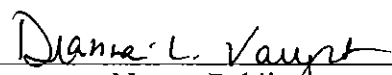
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW, Amanda C. Conner, and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.


Amanda C. Conner

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 29th day of April, 2022.


Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission Number: 15207377