

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Ninth Prudence	)	
Review of Costs Subject to the	)	
Commission-Approved Fuel Adjustment	)	<u>File No. EO-2021-0281</u>
Clause of The Empire District Electric	)	
Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire)	)	

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ACKNOWLEDGING PARTIES, AND SETTING DEADLINE FOR INTERVENTION

Issue Date: March 4, 2021

Effective Date: March 4, 2021

On March 4, 2021, the Staff of the Commission filed notice that it started its ninth prudence review of the costs and revenues subject to the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) established for The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) ("Liberty-Empire") for the period September 1, 2019, through February 28, 2021.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(11)(B) requires Staff to file notice within 10 days of starting its prudence review. The rule also requires Staff to file its recommendation regarding its examination and analysis no later than 180 days after Staff initiates review. Accordingly, Staff's notice states Staff intends to file its recommendation by August 31, 2021. Any request for hearing must be filed, as the rule provides, no later than 10 days after Staff files its recommendation.

The Commission will give notice of the prudence review and will set a deadline for intervention applications. Parties to Liberty-Empire's most recent general rate proceeding in which the Commission established, continued or modified the FAC, a rate adjustment mechanism, are automatically parties to these proceedings without application for intervention, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-20.090(17). Thus, the parties to Liberty-Empire's most recent general rate case, File No. ER-2019-0374, are parties to this case.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's data center shall provide notice of this order to all parties in File No. ER-2019-0374 and shall add such parties to the service list for this case.
2. As provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(11)(B), Staff shall file its recommendation no later than August 31, 2021, and any request for hearing shall be filed no later than 10 days after Staff files its recommendation.
3. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than April 2, 2021. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system or delivered to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of March, 2021.

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 4th day of March, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 4, 2021

File/Case No. EO-2021-0281

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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 dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "M".

**Morris L. Woodruff
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.