

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Fuel Costs) **File No. EU-2021-0274**
Related to the Extraordinary Weather Event)
of February 2021)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF WAIVER

Issue Date: March 23, 2021

Effective Date: March 23, 2021

On March 22, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed an application requesting a variance from its Fuel Adjustment Clause tariff to allow it to delay its next Fuel Adjustment Rate filing that would otherwise be due by April 1, 2021. Because of the filing deadline, Liberty asks the Commission to rule on its motion before April 1.

If the Commission is to rule on the application before April 1, it will need an expedited recommendation from its Staff. If Staff cannot submit a recommendation within the time allowed, it may file a statement indicating when it will be able to file a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Liberty's application for waiver and its request for expedited approval of that application by March 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
2. Any other party wishing to respond to Liberty's application and its request for expedited approval of that application by March 26, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.
3. 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

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd 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 23rd day of March, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 23, 2021

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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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Morris" being the most prominent.

**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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