

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 FILING

Issue Date: July 8, 2021

Effective Date: July 8, 2021

On June 2, 2021,¹ the Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed its Verified Winter Storm Uri AAO Application requesting an accounting authority order (“AAO”) regarding costs incurred during the extreme weather event of February of 2021. On June 3, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Date, and Directing Filing. Therein the Commission ordered the Commission’s Staff (Staff) to file a pleading no later than July 8 suggesting a date by which Staff would file a recommendation on the application. On July 8, Staff filed a pleading entitled Recommended Date by Which to File Recommendation. Staff stated that because the Office of Public Counsel has filed a motion to dismiss in this case which Empire has not yet addressed and because Empire has a pending rate case, File ER-2021-0312, and has not established how it anticipates its proposed AAO will be treated in the rate case, Staff will need to meet with Empire and conduct discovery before Staff will know when it be able to file a recommendation in this case. Staff asks this Commission to order Staff to file a status report no later than July 30 concerning an anticipated filing date for a recommendation. The Commission will grant Staff’s request.

¹ All date references will be to 2021 unless otherwise indicated.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than July 30, 2021, the Commission Staff shall file a status report concerning an anticipated filing date for its recommendation.
2. 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

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 8th day of July 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 8th day of July, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 8, 2021

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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