

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

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)	
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)	
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates)	Case No. ER-2024-0261
For Electric Service Provided to Customers)	
In its Missouri Service Area)	

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER
LIBERTY’S SECOND ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAM STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or the “Company”), and in response to ordered paragraph 7 of the *Report and Order* issued by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) on January 14, 2026 (the “*Report and Order*”), Liberty respectfully states as follows:

1. Ordered paragraph 7 of the *Report and Order* provides as follows: “Empire shall file monthly status reports on the progress toward designing the Arrearage Forgiveness program and awarding the \$8.5 million in associated credits with the first report due 30 days from the effective date of this order.”

2. On March 10, 2026, the parties¹ met and discussed Liberty’s straw-man approach, which included proposed eligibility parameters for forgiveness credits as well as potential requirements associated with the arrearage forgiveness customer adjustments. During the discussion, the non-Company parties indicated that they planned to confer among themselves regarding next steps, after which the parties would reconvene as a group. Following the meeting, Liberty provided the straw-man document that was reviewed during the discussion. Liberty is also in the process of gathering additional information requested during the discussion and will share those materials with the non-Company parties as they become available.

¹ The Empire District Electric Company, the Staff of the Commission, the Missouri Office of the Public Counsel, and the Missouri Consumers Council participated in this meeting.

3. Liberty has followed up with the non-Company parties to inquire whether those internal discussions have occurred and whether it would be helpful for the Company to proceed with scheduling a follow-up meeting for the broader group. Liberty will continue to engage with the non-Company parties consistent with the *Report and Order*.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully submits this Response to Commission Order. No action on the part of the Commission is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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ELECTRIC COMPANY d/b/a LIBERTY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 23rd day of March, 2026, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record; and I further certify that the above document was sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

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