

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire))	<u>Case No. ER-2026-0260</u>
for Authority to Implement Rate)	Tracking No. JE-2026-0125
Adjustments Related to the Company's)	
Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment)	
(FAC) Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8))	

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire))	<u>Case No. EO-2026-0261</u>
Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) True-Up)	

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE
AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Issue Date: April 2, 2026

Effective Date: April 2, 2026

On April 1, 2026, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) submitted direct testimony and a tariff designed to implement a true-up and adjustment under its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC). Empire requests that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff. The proposed tariff has an effective date of June 1, 2026.

Under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8)(F), the Staff of the Commission (Staff) must submit a recommendation regarding the proposed adjustments no later than thirty days after Empire's filing. Within sixty days after receiving the proposed adjustment, the Commission must: (1) issue an interim rate adjustment; (2) allow the tariff sheets and adjustments to take effect without a Commission order; or (3) suspend the timeline to receive additional evidence or hold a hearing, if required. Accordingly, the Commission will issue notice, set an intervention deadline, and direct Staff to file a recommendation.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(17)(A) provides that parties to the rate case in which the Commission established Empire's fuel adjustment clause are automatically parties to these cases, without the necessity of having to apply for intervention. Therefore, the Commission acknowledges that the parties to Case No. ER-2021-0312 are parties to these cases, and it will direct its Data Center to add those parties to the service lists.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the parties to Case No. ER-2021-0312, and it shall add all parties in that file to the service list for this case.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall add all parties to Case No. ER-2021-0312 to the service lists for these cases.

3. Any person or entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than April 17, 2026. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or delivered to: Secretary, Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360.

4. The Staff of the Commission shall file a Recommendation no later than May 1, 2026.

5. Any responses to the Staff Recommendation shall be filed no later than May 7, 2026.

6. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the service territory of Empire.

7. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the news media serving the residents of Empire's service territory.

8. This order shall become effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of April, 2026.

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 2nd day of April 2026.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

April 2, 2026

Case No: ER-2026-0260 and EO-2026-0261

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).¹

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.