

**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)	Case No. ER-2021-0312
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for)	Tracking No. JE-2026-0133
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its)	
Missouri Service Area)	

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET AND
MOTION FOR CLARIFICATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheet and Motion for Clarification* as follows:

1. On April 30, 2026, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (the “Company”) filed a tariff sheet for the Company’s Renewable Energy Purchase Program (“REPP”), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 10th Revised Sheet No. 7a. The submitted tariff sheet bore a proposed effective date of June 1, 2026, and was assigned Tariff Tracking No. JE-2026-0133.
2. The Commission issued its *Order Directing a Staff Tariff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses* on April 30, 2026, directing Staff to file, no later than May 12, 2026, a recommendation regarding the proposed tariff sheet.
3. As reflected in Staff’s Memorandum, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, Staff has reviewed the filing and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheet filed, with an effective date of June 1, 2026.
4. Staff also would like clarification from the Commission regarding how it would like future REPP filings to proceed. In the Commission’s *Order Approving Tariff and Directing*

Future REPP Rate Filings to Most Recent Rate Case, issued on March 9, 2026, in this docket and effective April 1, 2026, the Commission ordered the following:

For consistency, future REPP rate adjustment tariffs should be filed in Liberty's most recent rate case, because Liberty is modifying its currently effective tariff.

5. Liberty's most recent rate case is Case No. ER-2024-0261. However, the rates approved by the Commission in that most recent rate case, including the new REPP rates, cannot take effect until Liberty meets a number of customer and service billing metrics for three consecutive months. Per the Commission's order from May 4, 2026, in Case No. ER-2024-0261, the tariff sheets to implement Liberty's new rates have been suspended until June 4, 2026.

6. Staff respectfully requests clarification from the Commission regarding the filing of future revised REPP tariff sheets. Specifically, should future filings be made in Liberty's most recent rate case, Case No. ER-2024-0261? Or should future filings be made in this docket until Liberty's approved rates from Case No. ER-2024-0261 take effect?

WHEREFORE, Staff requests an order of clarification from the Commission, and recommends that the Commission approve the following tariff sheet, with an effective date of June 1, 2026:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4
10th Revised Sheet No. 7a Cancelling 9th Revised Sheet No. 7a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties and/or counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 12th day of May 2026.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File
Case No. ER-2021-0312, Tracking No. JE-2026-0133

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a
Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

FROM: /s/ Amanda Arandia 05/12/2026
Staff Member / Date

SUBJECT: Renewable Energy Purchase Plan

DATE: May 12, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On April 30, 2026, Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Company”), filed a tariff sheet, Tracking No. JE-2026-0133, to update the Renewable Energy Purchase Program rate with an effective date of June 1, 2026. The submission revised tariff sheets for the Company’s Renewable Energy Purchase Program (“Program”), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 10th Revised Sheet No. 7a.

On April 30, 2026, the Commission filed its Order Directing a Staff Tariff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses, ordering Staff to file its recommendation no later than May 12, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Company proposed its Renewable Energy Purchase Plan as part of its 2021 rate case.¹ The purpose of the Program is to offer non-residential customers the opportunity to offset their carbon emissions by up to 100% of their electricity consumption through the purchase of renewable energy credits (“RECs”). The Program was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. The tariff contains language requiring the Company to provide a quarterly review of the REC Rate:

On a quarterly basis, the Company shall perform a review of the previous three months’ average weighted price (“Quarterly Review”) for the Company’s REC sales to the schedule’s REC Rate. If the REC Rate is outside a 10 percent threshold as compared to the Quarterly Review, the REC Rate will be recalculated as the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month ending period. This updated REC Rate shall become effective with the first billing cycle of the following month.²

¹ ER-2021-0312

² PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, Revised Sheet No. 7a.

STAFF REVIEW

The substitute tariff sheet updates the REC rate, previously set at \$2.19 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the Renewable Energy Credits (“RECs”) rate of \$2.36 per 1,000 kWh for the 12-month period ending March 31, 2026. Staff has reviewed the workpapers provided by the Company and agrees that the average weighted price for the Company’s REC sales is at the 10% threshold which requires the Company to update its REC Rate. Staff also agrees that \$2.36 is the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month period.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission approve the following tariff sheet, as filed on April 30, 2026 to go into effect on June 1, 2026:

PSC MO No. 6, Section 4

10th Revised Sheet No. 7a canceling the 9th Revised Sheet No. 7a

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AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDA ARANDIA

STATE OF MISSOURI)
)
COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

COMES NOW AMANDIA ARANDIA and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

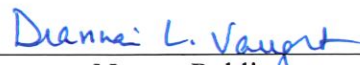
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



AMANDA ARANDIA

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 11th day of May 2026.



Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2027
Commission Number: 15207377