

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

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF AND CLARIFYING FUTURE FILINGS

Issue Date: May 14, 2026

Effective Date: June 1, 2026

On April 30, 2026, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a tariff sheet to update the Renewable Energy Purchase Program (REPP) rate to reflect the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) rate for the twelve-month period ending March 2026. Liberty’s proposed tariff sheet has a June 1, 2026, effective date.

Liberty’s REPP was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. The purpose of the REPP 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 RECs. Under that program, Liberty is required to perform a quarterly review of its REC sales and REC rate. If the REC rate is outside a five percent threshold, Liberty must recalculate the rate as the weighted average price for the most recent 12-month ending period. Liberty’s proposed tariff sheet adjusts the previous REC rate of \$2.19 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the adjusted REC rate of \$2.36 per 1,000 kWh for the 12-months ending March 2026.

The Commission directed Staff to file a recommendation and set a deadline for any responses to Liberty’s tariff sheet. Staff filed a recommendation to approve the tariff sheet. No other responses were received.

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet updating the REPP rate adjustment is in compliance with Liberty's tariff. Therefore, the Commission will approve Liberty's tariff sheet. So that the tariff sheet becomes effective on its requested effective date, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

Staff asked the Commission to clarify in which Liberty rate case future REPP rate adjustment tariff sheets should be filed. Liberty's new rates approved in Case No. ER-2024-0261 are currently suspended. Future REPP rate adjustment tariff sheets shall be filed in this case until such time as the approved rates from Case No. ER-2024-0261 take effect.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JE-2026-0133 is approved and shall be effective on June 1, 2026:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4

10th Revised Sheet No. 7a Cancelling 9th Revised Sheet No. 7a

2. Future REPP rate adjustments should be filed in this case until the rates approved in Case No. ER-2024-0261 take effect.

3. This order shall be effective on June 1, 2026.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of May, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 14th day of May, 2026.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 14, 2026

Case No: ER-2021-0312

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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