

**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 ) **File No. ER-2024-0261**  
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to ) Tracking No. JE-2026-0151  
Customers In its Missouri Service Area )

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation* respectfully states as follows:

1. On May 28, 2026, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed a tariff sheet purporting to be in compliance with paragraph 26 of the *Non-Unanimous Global Stipulation and Agreement* (“Global Stipulation”), approved by the Commission on January 14, 2026. The tariff sheet was assigned Tracking No. JE-2026-0151, with a requested effective date of July 1, 2026.

2. The Commission subsequently ordered Staff to file a recommendation as to whether the tariff sheet complies with the Global Stipulation no later than June 11, 2026.

3. The requested tariff changes adjusts Liberty’s Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (“MEEIA”) Demand-Side Investment Mechanism (“DSIM”) rider rates to zero, as Liberty no longer offers any MEEIA programs. The proposed change will decrease residential customers’ DSIM rider rate from \$0.00080 to \$0.00000 per kWh.

4. Following Staff’s review of the filing, and as detailed in the attached Staff Memorandum, attached and incorporated herein as Appendix A, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order (1) finding that the following tariff sheet complies with

the Global Stipulation, and (2) approving the following tariff sheet, filed on May 28, 2026 for service on and after July 1, 2026:

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

7th Revised Sheet No. 21, Canceling 6th Revised Sheet No. 21

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits its *Staff Recommendation* for the Commission's information and consideration, and recommends that the Commission issue an order (1) finding that the tariff sheet filed on May 28, 2026 under Tracking No. JE-2026-0151 complies with the Global Stipulation, and (2) approving the tariff sheet filed on May 28, 2026 under Tracking No. JE-2026-0151 for service on and after July 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 9th day of June 2026.

**/s/ Travis J. Pringle**

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File  
Case No. ER-2024-0261 and Tariff Tracking No. JE-2026-0151

**FROM:** Melanie Marek, Utility Regulatory Audit Supervisor

/s/ Melanie Marek / 06-09-26  
Utility Regulatory Audit Supervisor / Date

**SUBJECT:** Staff Recommendation to Approve Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) Proposed Tariff Sheet to Adjust Demand Side Investment Mechanism (“DSIM”) Rider Rate effective July 1, 2026.

**DATE:** June 9, 2026

### **Liberty Filing**

On May 28, 2026, Liberty filed one tariff sheet to be effective on and after July 1, 2026. The tariff changes adjust the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act (“MEEIA”) DSIM rider rates. In its letter to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), Liberty states this tariff sets the DSIM rates to zero as Liberty no longer offers any MEEIA programs.

On May 29, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff Recommendation and Setting Time for Other Responses*, directing Staff to file its recommendation no later than June 11, 2026.

### **Change in Liberty’s DSIM Rates**

Consistent with paragraph 26 of the Non-Unanimous Global Stipulation and Agreement, filed on October 6, 2025, in case number ER-2024-0261, Liberty is filing this tariff to set the DSIM rates to zero as Liberty no longer has MEEIA programs. The current MEEIA mechanism rate per class of customer is collected through a line item on current bills based on an annual level of projected costs and incentives with

reconciliations from actual prior periods and any ordered adjustments with interest. Liberty's MEEIA Cycle 1 was approved December 2022 in Case No. EO-2022-0078.

The proposed change will decrease Residential customers' DSIM Rider rate from \$0.00080 to \$0.00000 per kWh.

**Staff Recommendation**

After reviewing the filed tariff sheet, the Commission Staff's Energy Resources Department recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following tariff sheet, filed on May 28, 2026 for service on and after July 1, 2026, the requested effective date:

P.S.C. MO. No. 6 Section 4  
7th Revised Sheet No. 21, Canceling 6th Revised Sheet No. 21

Staff has verified that Liberty is not delinquent on any assessment and has filed its Annual Report. Liberty is current on its submission of its Quarterly Surveillance Monitoring reports as required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090(10). Staff's recommendation to approve this Seventh Revised Sheets No. 21 does not constitute a review of the prudence of Liberty's actions in relation to its DSIM.

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in Its Missouri Service Area )

**AFFIDAVIT OF MELANIE MAREK**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF COLE )


**COMES NOW MELANIE MAREK** 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.

  
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**MELANIE MAREK**

**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 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

  
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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