

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The )  
Empire District Electric Company and )  
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a ) **File No. AO-2020-0237**  
Liberty Utilities for Variances to Enable the ) Tracking No. YW-2021-0059  
Deployment of Advanced Metering )  
Infrastructure for Electric and Water )  
Customers )

## ORDER DIRECTING AN EXPEDITED STAFF RECOMMENDATION AND SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: September 18, 2020

Effective Date: September 18, 2020

On September 11, 2020, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (Liberty) filed tariff sheet YW-2021-0059 to clarify that for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) opt out customers, Liberty's default procedure will be to disable the two-communication portion of the AMI meter. The use of non-standard (non-AMI) meters will continue to be an option for customers so long as those meters are available. This tariff sheet is similar to tariff sheets already approved by the Commission in this file. Liberty states that these tariff changes have no impact on rates or charges. The tariff sheet has an October 11, 2020, effective date.

In consideration of the tariff sheet's effective date, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation on an expedited schedule. The Commission will also establish a deadline for any other entity to file a response to the tariff sheets or Staff's recommendation.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than September 23, 2020, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding the tariff sheets filed by Empire.
2. Any other entity wanting to comment on the tariff sheets or Staff's recommendation shall do so no later than September 25, 2020.
3. This order is effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.