

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

In the Matter of the Request of	)	
The Empire District Electric Company	)	<u>Case No. ER-2024-0261</u>
d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs	)	Tracking No. JE-2027-0014
Increasing Rates for Electric Service	)	
Provided to Customers In its Missouri	)	
Service Area	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEET

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* as follows:

1. On July 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 (“the Program”), tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 11th Revised Sheet No. 7a. The submitted tariff sheet bears a proposed effective date of September 1, 2026, and is assigned Tariff Tracking No. JE-2027-0014.

2. The Commission issued its *Order Directing a Staff Tariff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses* on July 30, 2026, directing Staff to file, no later than August 13, 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 tariff sheet filed on July 30, 2026, with an effective date of September 1, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the following tariff sheet, as filed by the Company on July 30, 2026, with an effective date of September 1, 2026:

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

11th Revised Sheet No. 7a Cancelling 10th Revised Sheet No. 7a

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

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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 13th day of August 2026.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Office Case File
Case No. ER-2024-0261
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: Amanda Arandia, Associate Engineer
Engineering Analysis Department

/s/ Amanda Arandia / 08-13-2026
Industry Analysis Division/ Date

SUBJECT: Renewable Energy Purchase Program

DATE: August 13, 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

On July 30, 2026, Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Company”), filed a tariff sheet, Tracking No. JE-2027-0014, to update the Renewable Energy Purchase Program rate, with an effective date of September 1, 2026. The submitted revised tariff sheets address the Company’s Renewable Energy Purchase Program (“Program”) under tariff sheet PSC MO No. 6, Section 4, 11th Revised Sheet No. 7a.

On July 30, 2026, the Commission filed its *Order Directing Staff Tariff Recommendation and Setting Time for Responses*, ordering Staff to file its recommendation no later than August 13, 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Company proposed its Renewable Energy Purchase Program 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 took effect on 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

¹ ER-2021-0312.

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

STAFF REVIEW

The filed tariff sheet updates the REC rate, previously set at \$2.36 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") rate of \$2.37 per 1,000 kWh for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2026. Staff has reviewed the workpapers provided by the Company and agrees that the average weighted price for the Company's REC sales is greater than the 10% threshold which requires the Company to update its REC Rate. Staff also agrees that \$2.37 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 July 30, 2026, to take effect on September 1, 2026:

PSC MO No. 6, Section 4

11th Revised Sheet No. 7a canceling the 10th Revised Sheet No. 7a

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

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AFFIDAVIT OF AMANDIA ARANDIA

STATE OF MISSOURI)
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COUNTY OF COLE) ss.

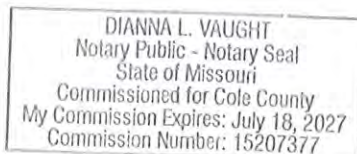
COMES NOW AMANDA ARANDIA and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation, in Memorandum form*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

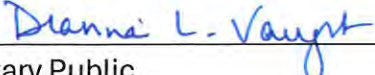
Further the Affiant sayeth not.


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 12th day of August 2026.




Notary Public