

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire	)	
District Electric Company for an Order	)	<u>Case No. EE-2026-0065</u>
Granting Temporary Billing Variances	)	Tracking No. JE-2027-0047

In the Matter of the Application of the Empire	)	<u>Case No. GE-2026-0066</u>
District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty and Liberty	)	Tracking No. JG-2027-0048
Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. for an	)	Tracking No. JG-2027-0049
Order Granting Temporary Billing Variances	)	Tracking No. JG-2027-0052

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty	)	
Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for an Order	)	<u>Case No. WE-2026-0067</u>
Granting Temporary Billing Variances	)	Tracking No. JW-2027-0050

In the Matter of the Application of Liberty	)	
Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for an Order	)	<u>Case No. SE-2027-0045</u>
Granting Permanent Billing Variances	)	Tracking No. JS-2027-0051

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 October 2, 2026,¹ The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, and Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (collectively, Liberty) filed the above-referenced tariffs in compliance with the Commission’s September 24 *Order Granting Applications for Variance* (“Order”). The proposed tariffs include a proposed effective date of November 1.

¹ Unless other noted, all dates referenced herein are to the year 2026.

2. After reviewing the compliance tariffs, Staff and Liberty discussed certain edits and concerns to address. In response to those conversations, Liberty filed substitute tariffs on October 13. The substitute tariffs also bear an effective date of November 1.

3. There was also a missing sheet from The Empire District Gas Company that, while approved by the Commission in its Order on September 4, was not filed with the compliance tariffs on October 2. That sheet is P.S.C Mo. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-8, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. R-8. Liberty also filed that sheet on October 13, bearing Tracking No. JG-2027-0052, and requested expedited treatment so that it too would take effect on November 1. Staff has no objection to this request and recommends that the Commission grant Liberty's request for expedited treatment.

4. After completing its review, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the substitute tariff sheets as filed on October 13, to take effect on an after November 1:

Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC – Sewer PSC Mo. No. 23:

1st Revised Sheet No. R1.1, Canceling Original Sheet No. R1.1
1st Revised Sheet No. R1.2, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R1.2
1st Revised Sheet No. R1.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R1.3
1st Revised Sheet No. R1.4, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R1.4
1st Revised Sheet No. R10.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R10.3
1st Revised Sheet No. R10.4, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R10.4

Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC – Water PSC Mo. No. 22

1st Revised Sheet No. R1.1, Canceling Original Sheet No. R1.1
1st Revised Sheet No. R1.2, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R1.2
1st Revised Sheet No. R1.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R1.3
1st Revised Sheet No. R10.3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R10.3
1st Revised Sheet No. R10.7, Cancelling Original Sheet No. R10.7

The Empire District Electric Company – PSC Mo. No. 6

Section 3, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 5, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 5
Section 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 1, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 1

Section 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 3, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 3
Section 5, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 25, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 25
Section 5, 1st Revised Sheet No. 29, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 29

Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corps. – PSC Mo. No. 2

5th Revised Sheet No. 21, Cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 21
1st Revised Sheets Nos. 76-79, Cancelling Original Sheets No. 76-79
1st Revised Sheet No. 86, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 86

The Empire District Gas Company – PSC Mo. No. 2

3rd Revised Sheet No. R-3, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-3
3rd Revised Sheet No. R-4, Cancelling 2nd Revised Sheet No. R-4
2nd Revised Sheet No. R-8, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. R-8
2nd Revised Sheet No. R-34, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. R-34

WHEREFORE Staff respectfully submits its *Recommendation* for the Commission's consideration, and requests the Commission approve the tariffs identified herein, as filed on October 13, 2026, to take effect on and after November 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 this 14th day of October 2026.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

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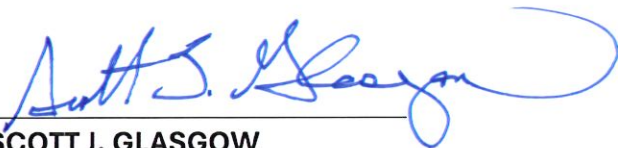
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AFFIDAVIT OF SCOTT J. GLASGOW

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW SCOTT J. GLASGOW and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

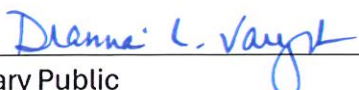


SCOTT J. GLASGOW

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 14th day of October 2026.

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



Notary Public

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AFFIDAVIT OF CHARLES TYRONE THOMASON

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COMES NOW CHARLES TYRONE THOMASON and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

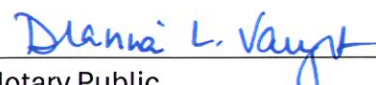
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CHARLES TYRONE THOMASON

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