

# 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 ) **File No. ER-2021-0312**  
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for ) Tracking No. YE-2023-0166  
Electric Service Provided to Customers in its )  
Missouri Service Area )

## **ORDER DIRECTING AN EXPEDITED TARIFF RECOMMENDATION, SETTING TIME FOR RESPONSES, AND DIRECTING LIBERTY TO FILE SUBSTITUTE TARIFF SHEETS**

Issue Date: February 27, 2023

Effective Date: February 27, 2023

On February 24, 2023, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed tariff sheets for the Critical Needs Program. Those tariff sheets bear no effective date, but Liberty has requested the Commission allow the tariff sheets to become effective on March 6, 2023. The Commission will direct its Staff to file an expedited recommendation on Liberty's proposed tariff sheets. Additionally, the Commission will ask Staff to explain why this tariff revision should be approved on less than ten days' notice. The Commission will establish a deadline for any other responses to the tariff sheets.

Liberty's tariff sheets are deficient for want of a 30 day effective date. Section 393.140(11) RSMo requires that a tariff bear an effective date no less than 30 days from its issue date, though the Commission may for good cause shown allow the tariff to go into effect in less than thirty days. Liberty shall file substitute tariff sheets with a 30 day effective date.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff shall file a recommendation regarding Liberty's proposed tariff sheets no later than February 28, 2023. Staff shall also explain why this tariff revision should be approved on less than ten days' notice.
2. Any other responses to the Critical Needs Program tariff sheets shall be filed no later than February 28, 2023.
3. Liberty shall file a substitute tariff revision bearing a 30 day effective date.
4. This order is effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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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 27th day of February 2023.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.



  
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**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**February 27, 2023**

**File/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).***

***Sincerely,***

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "W".

**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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