# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric ) Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) for Authority ) To Implement Rate Adjustments Related to ) The Company's Fuel and Purchase Power ) Adjustment (FAC) Required in ) 20 CSR 4240-20.090 )

In the Matter of the True-Up of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire)Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) True-Up

File No. EO-2022-0275

Tariff No. JE-2022-0245

## ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING DEADLINES FOR INTERVENTION APPLICATIONS AND STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: April 4, 2022

Effective Date: April 4, 2022

On April 1, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) submitted direct testimony and a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate and bearing an effective date of June 1, 2022. Also on April 1, 2022, Liberty initiated a rate adjustment true-up, to be included in the proposed fuel adjustment rate.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090 provides a 60-day timeline for resolution of these rate adjustment mechanism proceedings. The Commission will direct notice be given and set a deadline for intervention applications. The Commission will also direct Staff to file recommendations in both cases, as required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090.

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Parties to Liberty's most recent general rate proceeding in which the Commission established, continued, or modified the electric utility's rate adjustment mechanism are automatically parties to these proceedings without application for intervention, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-20.090(17). Thus, the parties to File No. ER-2019-0374 are parties to these cases.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's data center shall add the parties to File No. ER-2019-0374 to the service list for these cases, and shall provide a copy of this order to those parties.

2. The Commission's data center shall provide notice of this order to the county commissions for each county in Liberty's service territory.

3. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall provide notice of this order to news media serving residents in Liberty's service territory and members of the General Assembly representing residents in Liberty's service territory.

4. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than April 15, 2022.

5. No later than May 2, 2022,<sup>1</sup> the Staff of the Commission shall file recommendations reporting Staff's examination and analysis of Liberty's application and tariff sheet in these two cases, as provided by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and (9).

6. Any response to Liberty's proposed fuel adjustment rate and/or proposed true-up amount from the Office of the Public Counsel and other parties shall be filed no later than May 10, 2022, as provided by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and (9).

7. This order shall be effective when issued.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The rule provides Staff's recommendation is due 30 days after Liberty's April 1, 2022 filing, which is Sunday, May 1, 2022.



Ross Keeling, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.

## BY THE COMMISSION

Jorris Z Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

## 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2022.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

## **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## April 4, 2022

#### File/Case No. ER-2022-0274 and EO-2022-0275

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