

**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)	<u>File No. AO-2020-0237</u>
Liberty Utilities for Variances to Enable the)	Tariff Filing No. YE-2021-0023
Deployment of Advanced Metering)	Tariff Filing No. YW-2021-0024
Infrastructures for Electric and Water)	
Customers)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), through Staff Counsel’s Office, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On August 11, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (“Liberty Water”) (collectively “Liberty” or “Applicants”) filed tariff sheet revisions under Tariff Filing Nos. YE-2021-0023 and YW-2021-0024, bearing effective dates of September 10, 2020. On August 15, 2020, the Applicants filed substitute sheets bearing the same effective dates.

2. Staff reviewed the substitute revised tariff sheets and concludes that they should be approved by the Commission. Thus, Staff recommends the following tariff sheet for Empire submitted on August 11, 2020, and substituted on August 15, 2020, be approved to become effective September 10, 2020:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5, Section 5
8th Revised Sheet No. 11, cancelling 7th Revised Sheet No. 11

3. Staff also recommends the following tariff sheet for Liberty Water submitted on August 11, 2020, and substituted on August 15, 2020, be approved to become effective September 10, 2020:

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept Staff's *Recommendation* and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 17th day of August 2020.

/s/ Mark Johnson

