

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire))	<u>File No. ER-2021-0332</u>
for Authority to Implement Rate)	Tariff No. JE-2021-0178
Adjustments Related to the Company's)	
Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment)	
(FAC) Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090)	

In the Matter of The Empire District)	<u>File No. EO-2021-0333</u>
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire))	Tariff No. JE-2021-0178
True-Up Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC))	

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

Issue Date: April 5, 2021

Effective Date: April 5, 2021

On April 1, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate and bearing an effective date of June 1, 2021. Also on April 1, 2021, Liberty initiated a rate adjustment mechanism 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.

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 23, 2021. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system or delivered to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

5. No later than May 3, 2021,¹ 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 11, 2021, as provided by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) and (9).

¹ The rule provides Staff's recommendation is due 30 days after Liberty's April 1, 2021 filing, which is Saturday, May 1. The 30-day period is not statutory. Applying the computation of time rule, 20 CSR 4240-2.050, Staff's recommendation is due Monday, May 3.

7. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of April, 2021.