BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for) Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

File No. ER-2021-0312

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, and in response to the Order Directing Filing of Information Required by Section 393.275.1, RSMo, issued by the Commission on April 27, 2022, Liberty respectfully states as follows:

1. RSMo. §393.275.1 requires the Commission to "notify the governing body of each city or county imposing a business license tax . . . on gross receipts of any gas corporation, electric corporation, water corporation or sewer corporation of any tariff increases authorized for such firm doing business in that city or county if the approved increase exceeds seven percent."

2. The statute further provides that the following shall be included in any such notice: "the percentage increase approved for the utility, together with an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase on customers residing in that city or county."

3. Liberty hereby responds to the Commission's Order Directing Filing of Information Required by Section 393.275.1, RSMo, and provides the information requested to assist the Commission in complying with RSMo. §393.275.1 via the attached Exhibit A.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully submits this Response to Commission Order and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was filed with the Commission's electronic filing system and sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 6th day of May, 2022.

/s/ Diana C. Carter