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Lighting Revenues, Special Transmission Service Contract Customer (Praxair) Annualization Joseph P. Roling MoPSC Staff Rebuttal Testimony Case No.: ER-2021-0312

## **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **INDUSTRY ANALYSIS DIVISION**

## **TARIFF/RATE DESIGN DEPARTMENT**

## **REBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

### OF

## **JOSEPH P. ROLING**

# THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY, d/b/a Liberty

### **CASE NO. ER-2021-0312**

Jefferson City, Missouri December 2021

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4 5	THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY, d/b/a Liberty						
6	CASE NO. ER-2021-0312						
7	Q Please state your name and business address.						
8	A. My name is Joseph P. Roling. My business address is 200 Madison Street,						
9	Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.						
10	Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?						
11	A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as						
12	an Economics Analyst, Tariff/Rate Design Department, of the Industry Analysis Division of						
13	the Commission Staff.						
14	Q. Are you the same Joseph P. Roling who has previously filed testimony in						
15	Staff's Revenue Requirement Cost of Service Report ("COS") report filed on October 29, 2021						
16	in this case?						
17	A. Yes.						
18	Q. What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?						
19	A. The purpose of my rebuttal testimony is to address an error in one of the						
20	workpapers used to calculate revenues & kWh usage for the Lighting classes referenced in Staff						
21	COS Report and included in Staff's direct-filed accounting schedules.						
22	Secondly, I updated usage for Special Transmission Contracts / Praxair due to additional						
23	information provided by The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty ("Empire" or						
24	"Company") regarding changes in load for the customer.						
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1	Q Are there any updates or corrections to the sections of Staff's COS Report that					
2	you sponsored?					
3	A. Yes. Staff received additional information from the Company after it filed its					
4	direct testimony that resulted in a material change in revenues and kWh for the Special					
5	Transmission Contract customer. This required a change to Staff's direct filed revenues and					
6	kWh worksheet.					
7	In regards to Staff's correction for the lighting rate schedules, no changes to direct filed					
8	testimony was necessary. <sup>1</sup> Staff updated its lighting revenue workpaper and it will be provided					
9	to all parties.					
10	Q. What is Staff's correction to its revenue workpaper for the Lighting classes?					
11	A. The original worksheet intended to calculate revenues, lamp counts, and kWh					
12	for the following lighting classes; however, the worksheet only included lamp counts and kWh					
13	did not get appropriately calculated along with the classes associated revenues; <sup>2</sup>					
14	Municipal Street Lighting (SPL),					
15	Private Lighting (PL),					
16	Special Lighting Service (LS),					
17	Miscellaneous Lighting (MS).					
18	This correction in calculating revenues resulted in a decrease in the overall revenues to					
19	the total MS Class of \$131, an increase in overall revenues to the LS Class of \$23,865, an					
20	increase in overall revenues to the PL Class of \$166,564, and an increase in overall revenues to					

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Staff's direct-filed testimony regarding lighting class revenue is on page 52 of Staff's COS report. <sup>2</sup> Rates for the SPL and PL rate schedules are billed per lamp rather than per kWh.

- 1 the SPL Class of \$126,666. This revenue change has been updated in the adjustments listed in
- 2 the table below.
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Staff Revenues					
	t year enues	Upda reve adju		5-21 Ann rate of S	ing Revenue -2021 ualized for increase as ept 2020 uded
MS	\$ 13,962	\$	(131)	\$	13,831
LS	\$ 80,864	\$	23,865	\$	104,729
PL	\$ 3,976,357	\$	166,564	\$	4,142,921
SPL	\$ 3,221,134	\$	126,666	\$	3,347,800

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Q. What is Staff's update to its revenue workpaper for the Special Transmission Service Contract: Praxair (SC-P) class?

A. The Company provided additional information related to the Special
Transmission Contracts / Praxair class usage and revenues, which were material changes and
required updates to Staff's workpaper.

17 \*\* The abnormal usage observed in December 2020,

# Rebuttal Testimony of Joseph P. Roling

1 February 2021, and May 2021 are not expected to be permanent reductions in usage; therefore,

2 Staff adjusted usage to a normal level based on historical monthly usage.

The updates listed above resulted in an increase in the overall revenues to the total SC-P
class of \$119,427 and a change in kWh of 3,688,133 of additional load. This revenue change
has been updated in the adjustments listed in the table below.

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Test Year	Update	Rate Change		
Revenues	Period ADJ	Annualization	Load Adj.	Total Revenue
4,376,558	(66,039)	5,339	119,427	4,315,859

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Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?

A. Yes.

#### 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

Case No. ER-2021-0312

#### **AFFIDAVIT OF JOSEPH P. ROLING**

STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
	)	SS.
COUNTY OF COLE	)	

**COMES NOW JOSEPH P. ROLING,** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Rebuttal Testimony of Joseph P. Roling;* and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

**JOSEPH P. ROLING** 

#### JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 1542 day of December, 2021.

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DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023 Commission Number: 15207377