

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its Office in Jefferson City, Missouri on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire )  
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for )  
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for ) **File No. ER-2021-0312**  
Electric Service Provided to Customers in ) Tracking No. JE-2024-0109  
its Missouri Service Area )

**ORDER APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: March 13, 2024

Effective Date: April 1, 2024

On February 1, 2024, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a tariff sheet to update the Renewable Energy Credit (REC) rate. That tariff sheet has an April 1, 2024, effective date. Liberty filed a substitute tariff sheet on February 13, 2024, because of an incorrect calculation that included REC revenue from transactions outside Liberty's operating year.

Liberty's Renewable Energy Purchase Plan was approved and placed into effect June 1, 2022. That program offers non-residential customers the opportunity to offset their carbon emissions by up to 100 percent of their electricity consumption through the purchase of RECs. Under that program, Liberty is required to periodically review its REC rate to ensure that participating customers are not harmed by purchasing RECs above their value. Liberty's tariff sheet adjusts the previous REC rate of \$4.55 per 1,000 kWh, to reflect the adjusted REC rate of \$2.57 per 1,000 kWh for the 2023 calendar year.

The Commission directed its Staff (Staff) to file a recommendation and set a deadline for any responses to Liberty's tariff sheet. Staff filed its Recommendation on March 7, 2024. No other responses were received. Staff recommends approval of the tariff sheet as substituted on February 13, 2024.

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's tariff sheet and Staff's verified recommendation and memoranda. The Commission finds that the tariff sheet implementing the REC rate adjustment is in compliance with Liberty's tariff. Therefore, the Commission will approve Liberty's tariff sheet. So that the tariff sheet becomes effective on its requested effective date, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The following tariff sheet, assigned Tracking No. JE-2024-0109, as substituted on February 13, 2024, is approved and shall be effective on April 1, 2024:

**P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Section 4**

1st Revised Sheet No. 7a Canceling Original Sheet No. 7a

2. This order shall be effective on April 1, 2024.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman  
and Kolkmeier CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

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**File/Case No. ER-2021-0312**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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