

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)
Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments) **File No. ER-2025-0267**
Related to the Company's Fuel and) Tariff No. JE-2025-0142
Purchase Power Adjustment Clause (FAC))
Required by 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8))

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty Fuel and) **File No. EO-2025-0268**
Purchase Power Adjustment Clause (FAC))
True-Up)

ORDER APPROVING FUEL ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP AND APPROVING TARIFF TO CHANGE FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATES

Issue Date: May 13, 2025

Effective Date: June 1, 2025

On April 1, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty submitted its proposed tariff to implement its Fuel Adjustment Rate (FAR) for the accumulation period ending February 2025 and the recovery period ending November 2024, as required by Section 386.266, RSMo, and Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8).

Liberty also submitted an application containing its 31st true-up filing for its Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC), as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). Liberty requests that the Commission authorize a true-up adjustment and implement it under its FAC tariff bearing an effective date of June 1, 2025.

FAC true-up

The true-up amount identified in EO-2025-0268 is the result of an under-collection of \$1,320,509 from customers during Recovery Period 31 (RP31) from June 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024. That true-up amount is included in the Fuel and Purchased

Power (FPA) amount in Liberty's Accumulation Period 33 (AP33) adjustment filing in File No. ER-2025-0267, which Liberty filed in compliance with its FAC.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation regarding Liberty's true-up on May 1, 2025, in which it examined the direct testimony of Monica K. Gloodt, her supporting work papers, and the monthly information Liberty has submitted to the Commission. Staff recommends the Commission approve Liberty's RP31 true-up filing for inclusion in the changes in Liberty's AP33 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2025-0267.

Based on the Commission's review of the verified filings, the Commission finds that the true-up amount is correct. The Commission will authorize Liberty to include the calculated amount in its next FAC accumulation period as previously described.

FAC tariff

With regard to Liberty's request to approve its FAC tariff, the dollar amount used to calculate the proposed rate schedules for AP33 is \$12,544,917, which includes \$10,938,974¹, the true-up amount for RP31 of \$1,320,509, and interest for AP33 of \$285,434. Based on an average usage of 1,000 kWh per month, Liberty's requested adjustment would result in an increase in the bill of a typical residential customer of approximately \$2.24 per month.

Staff filed a recommendation regarding Liberty's tariff on May 1, 2025. Staff verified that Liberty's actual fuel and purchased power costs match the fuel and purchased power costs included in the company's calculated rates set out in the submitted tariff. Staff also reviewed Liberty's monthly interest rates that are

¹ This quantity represents 95% of the difference between: a) Liberty's Missouri jurisdiction actual fuel costs plus purchased power costs plus net emissions allowance costs less off-system sales revenue and less renewable energy credits ("REC") revenue, and b) Liberty's Missouri jurisdiction net base energy cost during AP33.

applied to the monthly cumulative over- and under-recovery amounts for AP33, including cumulative amounts for AP31 and AP32, and the calculation of the monthly interest amounts. Staff recommends the Commission approve the FAR tariff to become effective on June 1, 2025.

Conclusion

Commission rules allow parties ten days to respond to pleadings, unless otherwise ordered.² Ten days have elapsed and no party has objected to Staff's recommendations.

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8) requires the Commission to issue an order approving or rejecting the company's tariff within 60 days of its filing. If the FAC rate adjustment complies with the Commission's rule, Section 386.266, RSMo, and the FAC mechanism established in the most recent general rate proceeding, the Commission is required to approve the rate adjustment or allow the proposed tariff implementing the adjustment go into effect by operation of law.³

The Commission has reviewed Liberty's verified application, Liberty's tariff filing, and Staff's verified recommendation and memorandum, and finds that the tariff sheet implementing the FAC rate adjustment is in compliance with the Commission's order establishing the FAC and with all applicable statutes and regulations. Therefore, the Commission will approve Liberty's proposed tariff.

Without Commission action, the tariff will become effective by operation of law on June 1, 2025. Additionally, as noted above, the Commission's rule requires an order be

² Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(13).

³ Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(8).

issued within 60 days of the tariff filing. Therefore, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The true-up amount for Recovery Period 31 is established for Liberty as an under-collection of \$1,320,509 from its customers and shall be reflected in the rate adjustment in Commission File No. ER-2025-0267.

2. Liberty's tariff filing in File No. ER-2025-0267, assigned Tracking No. JE-2025-0142, is approved to be effective June 1, 2025, as an interim rate adjustment, subject to true-up and prudence reviews. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 6 Section 4

10th Revised Sheet No. 17q, Canceling 9th Revised Sheet No. 17q

3. This order shall be effective on June 1, 2025.
4. These two files shall close on June 2, 2025.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of May, 2025.

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 13th day of May 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

May 13, 2025

File/Case No. ER-2025-0267 and EO-2025-0268

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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