

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company and)
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC d/b/a)
Liberty Utilities for Variances to Enable the) **File No. AO-2020-0237**
Deployment of Advanced Metering)
Infrastructure for Electric and Water)
Customers)

ORDER DIRECTING AN EXPEDITED STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: August 12, 2020

Effective Date: August 12, 2020

On August 11, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed tariff sheet revisions (YE-2021-0023 and YW-2021-0024) to explain that for Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) opt out customers, Empire's default procedure will be to disable the two-communication portion of the AMI meter. The use of non-standard (non-AMI) meters will continue to be an option for customers so long as those meters are available. Empire states that these tariff changes have no impact on rates or charges. The tariff sheets have a September 10, 2020, effective date.

In consideration of the tariff's effective date, the Commission will direct its Staff to file a recommendation on an expedited schedule. The Commission will also establish a deadline for any other entity to file a response to the tariff sheets or Staff's recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than August 17, 2020, Staff shall file a recommendation regarding the tariff sheets filed by Empire.

2. Any other entity wanting to comment on the tariff sheets or Staff's recommendation shall do so no later than August 19, 2020.

3. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 12th day of August, 2020.

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 12th day of August, 2020.**




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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