

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 26th day of August, 2020.

In the Matter of the Application of The)	
Empire District Electric Company and)	
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC)	<u>File No. AO-2020-0237</u>
d/b/a Liberty Utilities for Variances to)	Tariff No. YE-2021-0023
Enable the Deployment of Advanced)	Tariff No. YW-2021-0024
Metering Infrastructure for Electric and)	
Water Customers)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFFS

Issue Date: August 26, 2020

Effective Date: September 10, 2020

On February 5, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC (Liberty Water) (collectively “the Companies”) filed an application for a variance of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.030(28) and accompanying tariffs to begin deployment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for electric and water customers. The Commission issued an Order Granting Variance and Approving Tariffs on March 18, 2020.

On August 11, 2020, the Companies filed tariff sheet revisions (YE-2021-0023 and YW-2021-0024) to explain that for AMI opt out customers, the Companies’ default procedure will be to disable the two-way communication portion of the AMI meter. The use of non-AMI meters will continue to be an option for customers as long as those meters are available. The Companies state that these tariff changes have no impact on rates or charges.

The Commission ordered Staff to file its expedited recommendation regarding the tariffs by August 17, 2020, and ordered that any response to the tariff or to Staff’s

recommendation be filed by August 19, 2020. Staff filed a recommendation that the Commission approve the tariffs. No other responses were received.

The Commission has authority to approve tariff sheets pursuant to Sections 393.140(11) and 393.150, RSMo. The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's recommendation. The Commission finds that the tariff sheets are consistent with the Commission's March 18, 2020 order, and should be approved. To allow the substitute tariff sheets to take effect on September 10, 2020, the Commission will issue its order with an effective date fewer than 30 days from the date of issuance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheet filed by Empire on August 11, 2020, and assigned Tariff No. YE-2021-0023, as substituted on August 15, 2020, is approved to become effective on September 10, 2020. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 5, Section 5
8th Revised Sheet No. 11, canceling 7th Revised Sheet No. 11

2. The tariff sheet filed by Liberty Water on August 11, 2020, and assigned Tariff No. YW-2021-0024, as substituted on August 15, 2020, is approved to become effective on September 10, 2020. The tariff approved is:

P.S.C. MO. No. 14
1st Revised Sheet No. 20, canceling Original Sheet No. 20

3. This order shall be effective on September 10, 2020.
4. This file shall be closed on September 11, 2020.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Judge

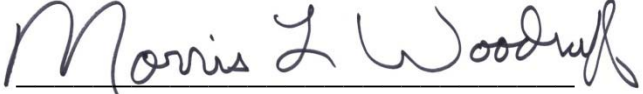
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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 26th day of August, 2020.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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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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