

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates) **Case No. ER-2024-0261**
for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Tracking No. JE-2026-0123
In its Missouri Service Area)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: March 9, 2026

Effective Date: March 9, 2026

The Commission issued its *Report and Order* in this case on January 14, 2026. That *Report and Order* approved the *Non-Unanimous Global Stipulation and Agreement* and the *Supplemental Stipulation and Agreement* (Supplemental Stipulation).

Paragraph 4 of the Supplemental Stipulation addresses the submission of compliance tariffs sheets related to rates. The Supplemental Stipulation sets forth a list of customer service and billing metrics that must be satisfactorily met before any increase in rates is authorized. The Supplemental Stipulation also provided that the company file monthly reports regarding those metrics no later than the 15th of the following month.

Pertinent here, the Supplemental Stipulation requested that the Commission suspend the Paragraph 4 compliance tariff sheets to allow for review and the filing of a report from the Commission's Staff as to whether The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty has met the required customer service and billing metrics for three consecutive months.¹

¹ Paragraph 4 provides, in full, as follows: The Company shall cooperate with Staff to complete preparation of tariff sheets to contain the three sets of rates previously agreed-to by the signatories to the October 6, 2025, agreement ("Paragraph 4 Sheets"). The rate portions of these sheets applicable to Residential, General Service, Large General Service, Small Primary, Large Power, and Transmission

On March 6, 2026, Liberty filed tariff sheets purporting to be in compliance with Paragraph 4 of the Supplemental Stipulation and the *Report and Order* and were assigned Tracking No. JE-2026-0123. The tariff sheets were submitted with an effective date of April 5, 2026.

Section 393.150, RSMo (2016), authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of proposed tariffs. Due to the provisions of Paragraph 4, the requirement that metrics be met for three consecutive months, and that the monthly reports are filed the following month, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 60 days. The Commission will also set a time for Staff to file its report.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets filed on March 6, 2026, and assigned Tracking No. JE-2026-0123 are suspended for 60 days until June 4, 2026.
2. Staff shall file the report referenced in Paragraph 4 of the Supplemental Stipulation regarding customer service and billing metrics, or a request for an extension of time, no later than April 24, 2026.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.

Service are attached as Exhibit 1 [to the Supplemental Stipulation]. The Paragraph 4 Sheets will also include tariff sheets related to a modified Fuel Adjustment Clause that is consistent with the prior agreements of the Signatories, and other sheets pertaining to rates. Soon after the Paragraph 2 Sheets become effective, Empire shall file the Paragraph 4 Sheets, with effective dates 30 days from the issuance date. The Signatories request that upon the filing of those tariff sheets, the Commission issue an order suspending those tariff sheets. When Staff has concluded its review of a third consecutive month of satisfactory performance of the metrics, Staff shall file a report describing its conclusions concerning the metrics and recommending that the Commission issue an order that the suspended rate and FAC tariff sheets take effect as soon as is practicable [internal citations omitted].



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of March, 2026.

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 9th day of March 2026.



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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 9, 2026

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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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