BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) for Authority to Implement Rate Adjustments Related to the Company's Fuel and Purchase Power Adjustment (FAC) Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090	)))))	**File No. ER-2021-0332** Tariff No. JE-2021-0178
In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Empire) True-Up Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC)	)))	**File No. EO-2021-0333** Tariff No. JE-2021-0178

ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: May 13, 2021 Effective Date: May 13, 2021

On April 1, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a revised tariff sheet proposing a revised fuel adjustment rate and bearing an effective date of June 1, 2021. Also on April 1, 2021, Liberty initiated a rate adjustment mechanism true-up, to be included in the proposed fuel adjustment rate. Staff filed its recommendation to approve the tariffs on May 3, 2021.

On May 12, 2021, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a response recommending the Commission reject the proposed tariff citing, among other things, that it does not comply with the provisions of Liberty's fuel adjustment clause (FAC). Public Counsel argues that the FAC requires rates for Recovery Period 25 be designed to recover the true-up amount under-collected during Recovery Period 23. Public Counsel also filed a motion to file the recommendation one day late.

By rule, the initial 60-day period for approval or rejection of Liberty's proposed tariff to adjust its fuel adjustment rate expires on June 1, 2021. Therefore, the Commission will shorten the time for responses to Public Counsel's May 12, 2021 filings as set out below.

Because the tariff at issue in the fuel adjustment rate case, File No. ER-2021-0332, is also the subject of the FAC true-up case, File No. EO-2021-0333, this order is being issued in both files.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any responses to Public Counsel's opposition to approval of the revised tariff and motion for leave to file its response out of time shall be filed no later than 9:00 a.m., May 17, 2021.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief 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, 2021.

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, 2021.

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,



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