STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of May, 2021.

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 APPROVING FUEL ADJUSTMENT TRUE-UP

Issue Date: May 19, 2021 Effective Date: May 31, 2021

On April 1, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed a request for approval of a true-up amount related to the company's fuel adjustment clause (FAC), as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9). The true-up filing concerns billing months June 2020 through November 2020, which are designated Recovery Period 23. Liberty's filing indicates during that period it under-collected $1,293,237 from customers.

On May 3, 2021, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) recommended the Commission approve Liberty's true-up filing amount of $1,293,237 in under-collected costs for Recovery Period 23. Staff noted that the true-up amount for Recovery Period 23 is used in the calculation of the Fuel and Purchased Power amount included in Liberty's Accumulation Period 25 adjustment filing in File No. ER-2021-0332. Staff noted that in the adjustment filing in File No. ER-2021-0332, Liberty has requested to defer until its next general rate case extraordinary costs related to the February 2021 Winter Storm Uri and also requested to defer this under-collection of $1,293,237.

On May 13, 2021, in response to a May 12, 2021 filing by the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) in opposition to approval of Liberty's tariff sheet filed in this proceeding and in File No. ER-2021-0332, the Commission directed any replies to OPC's opposition be filed no later than 9:00 a.m. May 17, 2021. Staff and Liberty filed replies, but no party objects to the true-up amount.

Based on the parties' filings, the Commission finds that while the true-up amount for Recovery Period 23 is a component of the tariff sheet proposed in File No. ER-2021-0333, approval of the true-up amount neither constitutes nor requires approval of Liberty's proposed tariff sheet.

On the basis of Liberty's uncontested filing and Staff's review and recommendation, the Commission concludes Liberty's true-up amount should be approved. Approval of the true-up amount does not constitute approval of the tariff sheet submitted by Liberty and assigned Tariff No. JE-2021-0178. The tariff sheet assigned Tariff No. JE-2021-0178 will be addressed by proceedings in File No. ER-2021-0332.

To comply with the initial 60-day period for review of a true-up filing required by rule,[1] this order will be effective in fewer than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Liberty's true-up amount for Recovery Period 23 is approved.

2. This order does not approve a tariff sheet.

3. This order shall be effective on May 31, 2021.

[1] 20 CSR 4240-20.090(9)(F).

4. This file shall close on June 1, 2021.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman, CC., concur.
Kolkmeyer, C., abstains.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 19th 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).

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