



**NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
LIBERTY'S ELECTRIC RATES**

On May 28, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a general rate request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”). Liberty is seeking in this proceeding to increase its annual gross revenues by \$79.9 million, or approximately 12.15%. If the Commission allows Liberty to recover its Storm Uri costs in Case No. EO-2022-0040, then Liberty will stop seeking to recover them in this case. Removing those costs from this case would reduce Liberty’s request by \$29.9 million to \$50.0 million, or approximately 7.61%. As part of this proceeding, Liberty is proposing to increase its fixed residential customer charge from \$13.00 per month to \$16.00 per month.

Excluding Storm Uri costs, for a residential customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month, Liberty’s proposed increase is approximately \$12.76 each month, or 9.64% percent. If Storm Uri costs are not included, Liberty estimates that the proposed rate increase will have the following annual bill impacts:

| Customer Class | Proposed Average Annual Impact | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
| | Bill Change \$ | Bill Change % |
| RG – Residential | \$160 | 9.3% |
| CB – Commercial* | \$305 | 12.3% |
| Small Heating** | \$394 | 12.7% |

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, for public safety, rather than holding in-person local public hearings, the Commission is holding virtual question and answer sessions followed by local public hearings where members of the public may participate by WebEx video or by telephone. The Commission has scheduled question and answer sessions to begin at noon, Monday, November 15, 2021, and at 6:00 P.M., Wednesday, November 17, 2021, and at 6:00 P.M. Thursday November 18, 2021. Each will be followed by WebEx video and telephone conference local public hearings where anyone may appear, testify, and/or provide documents to the Commission for its consideration in this general electric rate case.

To facilitate an orderly hearing, any member of the public who wishes to testify at a local public hearing should register to do so by sending his/her first and last name to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. no later than the last business day before the hearing. By Friday, November 12, 2021, for the November 15, 2021, local public hearing and by Tuesday, November 16, 2021, for the November 17, 2021, local public hearing.

* Based on average usage of 1,430 kWh per month.

** Based on average usage of 2,080 kWh per month.



To attend one of the local public hearings, please refer to the following chart:

| Date | Start Time | At the time of the hearing, dial 1-855-718-6621 and enter the Access Code/Password |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|
| November 15, 2021 | 12:00 P.M. | Access Code: 1778 21 4312 Password: 0312 |
| November 17, 2021 | 6:00 P.M. | Access Code: 1776 00 3784 Password: 0312 |
| November 18, 2021 | 6:00 P.M. | Access Code: 1776 48 0348 Password: 0312 |

Anyone wishing to comment on, or inquire about, Liberty's requests may also do so by contacting the Staff of the Commission and/or the Office of the Public Counsel:

Commission Staff

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 Telephone: 1-800-392-4211

Email: pscinfo@psc.mo.gov

Public comments may be submitted at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments
(please reference case number ER-2021-0312)

Office of the Public Counsel

P.O. Box 2230

Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Telephone: 573-751-4857 or toll-free at 866-922-2959

E-mail: opcservice@opc.mo.gov

Generally, parties can see comments, but commenting does not make the comment evidence upon which the Commission can rely for making its decisions.

The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing from January 31 through February 10, 2022, at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, for parties in this case to present their evidence to the Commission for its decision. This hearing is open to the public, except portions the Commission may close to protect the dissemination of nonpublic information. The evidentiary hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. If someone needs additional accommodations to participate in or attend any local public hearing or the evidentiary hearing, please call the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing. The evidentiary hearing will also be streamed live on the Commission's website at <https://psc.mo.gov/>.