



## NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS ON LIBERTY'S GAS RATES

On August 23, 2021, The Empire District Gas 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 approximately \$1.36 million, or approximately 4.16%, or 6.64% excluding gas revenues. As part of this proceeding, Liberty is proposing to increase its fixed residential customer charge from \$16.50 per month to \$18.10 per month. For a residential customer using 54 CCF of natural gas a month, Liberty's proposed increase is approximately \$2.71 each month, or 9.9% percent.

### LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and for public safety, the Commission will hold the hearings virtually where members of the public may participate by WebEx video, or by telephone. The Commission has scheduled question and answer sessions to begin at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, February 17, 2022, and at noon, Tuesday, February 22, 2022. Each will be followed by WebEx video and telephone conference local public hearings where anyone may testify to the Commission for its consideration in this general gas 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](mailto: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.

### Dates of Local Public Hearings

<b>Date</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>At the time of the hearing, dial xxx and enter the Access Code / Password</b>
February 17, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Meeting number (access code): 2458 344 2289 Meeting password: 0320
February 22, 2022	12:00 p.m.	Meeting number (access code): 2451 816 5889 Meeting password: 0320

Anyone wishing to comment on Liberty's requests may also do so by submitting them electronically through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System at <https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/Comments.html> (Please reference Case No. GR2021-0320). Do not include any information in a public comment that you do not wish to be made public. Anyone also may contact the Staff of the Commission and/or the Office of the Public Counsel to comment on or inquire about Liberty's requests:



Commission Staff  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102  
Telephone: 1-800-392-4211  
E-mail: [pscinfo@psc.mo.gov](mailto:pscinfo@psc.mo.gov)

Public comments may be submitted at [https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit\\_Comments](https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments) (please reference case number GR-2021-0320)

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](mailto:opcservice@opc.mo.gov)

The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing from April 25 through May 6, 2022, 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 occur under conditions that meet 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/>.