Additional News

On August 14, 2026, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty") filed an Application with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission ("Commission") seeking an increase in its rates and charges for retail electric service customers in Oklahoma. In its Application, Liberty is requesting an increase of approximately $7.0 million in base rate revenues due to investments made in Liberty's system since its last rate case review which concluded in 2022.

To ease the impact of the rate change on customers, Liberty proposes that the requested increase should be phased-in over a two-year period. The increase in the first year for a residential general service customer is approximately 18% or $29.51. The increase in the second year is expected to be 15.52% or $29.51. The cumulative impact of Liberty's requested rate change would increase residential customer bills by 36.74% or $59.03 over the two-year phase-in period.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Hearing on the Merits ("Hearing") shall be before the Administrative Law Judge on February 2, 2027, at 9:30 a.m., at the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The Concourse Theater is located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Commission shall, after hearing and taking of evidence issue such orders and grant such relief as it deems reasonable, fair, necessary, proper and equitable in the premises, whether or not specifically requested.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that members of the public, including individual customers of Liberty, will have an opportunity to provide comments on January 7, 2027, at 9:00 a.m., in the Concourse Theater, Suite C50, Will Rogers Memorial Office Building, 2401 N. Lincoln Blvd., in the Capitol Complex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The Concourse Theater is located in the tunnel between the Will Rogers Memorial Office Building and the Sequoyah Memorial Office Building. Members of the public may also provide written comments by mail to P.O. Box 52000, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-2000 and clearly reference "Case No. PUD 2026-000048" in the subject line. All interested persons may appear and be heard or may provide written comments.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for further information concerning this Case, please contact Lauren D. Willingham, phone 417-560-7913, Lauren.Willingham@libertyutilities.com, attorney for The Empire District Electric Company, Ashley N. Youngblood, Acting Supervisory Assistant Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General, 313 NE 21st Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105, 405-521-3921, or E.J. Thomas, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Oklahoma Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 171, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73101-9918, 405-522-2221.