



NOTICE OF FILING REGARDING LIBERTY-EMPIRE'S NEW ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

On September 15, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company (doing business as Liberty) filed a portfolio of energy efficiency customer programs under the legislative and regulatory framework known as the Missouri Energy Efficiency Investment Act ("MEEIA"). This new portfolio represents an increased investment in offering energy efficiency programs, which help lower the energy consumption and improve the quality of the homes and lives of its residential, commercial, and industrial retail customers.

Liberty's MEEIA Portfolio will replace its existing energy efficiency programs. It will continue the popular Residential HVAC Rebate Program and Custom Commercial and Industrial Rebate Program, as well as introducing new programs:

- Whole Home Energy
 - Allows customers to finance energy efficiency measures in their home on their electric bill; designed to pay for the monthly installments with savings created from the energy efficiency measures
- Low Income Multi-family
 - Offers free energy audits and installation of low-cost energy efficiency to select multi-family dwellings
- Residential Efficiency Products
 - Allows customers to purchase energy efficient products at a discounted rate in retail outlets or an online marketplace hosted by Liberty
- Small Business Direct Install
 - Allows small business customers to receive a free energy evaluation, as well as free energy efficient upgrades to their establishment

These programs will be funded by a new line item on the electric bills of all eligible retail customers called the Energy Efficiency Investment Charge ("EEIC"). The EEIC is comprised of three items:

- Program Costs – The combined costs for administration, delivery, and customer incentives of the programs
- Throughput Disincentive – Reimbursement to the Company for the reduced energy sales created by the energy efficiency programs
- Earnings Opportunity – An incentive paid to the utility for successful implementation and achievement of energy savings and customer participation goals set by the Missouri Public Service under the provision of the MEEIA Rule.

These three factors will be combined and allocated between residential and non-residential classes and divided by the retail sales projected for their respective customer sectors. This creates the per-kWh factor charged on customer bills as the EEIC. This charge is effective January 1, 2022.