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April 7, 2023

Sen. Terry Rice
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
c/o Marty Garrity
Bureau of Legislative Research
State Capitol, Rm 315
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: PSC Quarterly Reports a/o March 31, 2023

Dear Ms. Garrity:

Enclosed please find the quarterly rate case report of the Arkansas Public Service Commission for the period ending March 31, 2023.

This report is also available on our website at www.arkansas.gov/psc.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Ivory".

Jennifer Ivory
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure

**ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
QUARTERLY RATE CASE REPORT
PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-420
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2023**

DOCKET: 22-085-U

COMPANY: The Empire District Electric Company (Empire)

CASE STYLE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL CHANGE OR MODIFICATION IN RATES, CHARGES, AND TARIFFS

CASE FILED: February 14, 2023

APPLICATION SUMMARY:

Company's current authorized retail revenue requirement is \$11,033,606. The retail revenue requirement requested is \$18,342,304. The proposed percentage increase by rate class for each year is:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
Residential	14.0%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%
Commercial	15.6%	7.2%	7.5%	7.7%
General Power	2.9%	8.7%	8.8%	8.9%
Transmission	8.7%	8.7%	8.8%	7.0%

The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer under the alternative proposed phase-in is:

Year 1	\$11.01 (10.1%)
Year 2	\$12.12 (10.1%)
Year 3	\$13.33 (10.1%)
Year 4	\$14.69 (10.1%)

The current authorized return on equity is 9.3% and overall rate of return is 5.7%. The requested return on equity is 10.25% and overall rate of return is 5.42%.

STATUS: The General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Attorney General of Arkansas are in the process of analyzing Empire's filing and developing Direct Testimony.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:

To be determined by future Commission Order.

STATUTORY FINAL

ORDER DEADLINE: December 14, 2023

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DOCKET: 22-064-U

COMPANY: Liberty Utilities (Pine Bluff Water) Inc. (LUPB)

CASE STYLE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF LIBERTY UTILITIES (PINE BLUFF WATER) INC. FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL CHANGE OR MODIFICATION IN RATES, CHARGES, AND TARIFFS

CASE FILED: October 6, 2022

**APPLICATION
SUMMARY:**

Company's current authorized retail revenue requirement is \$10,159,516. The retail revenue requirement requested is \$15,283,958. LUPB is proposing an Alternative Proposed Phase-In over three years. The proposed percentage increase by rate class for each year is:

	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Residential	11.8%	10.5%	9.5%
Commercial	27.0%	21.3%	17.5%
Industrial	48.0%	32.4%	24.5%
Public Authority	10.8%	9.7%	8.9%
Resale/Bulk	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Private Fire	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer is \$4.15 or 15.76%.

The current authorized return on equity is 9.35% and overall rate of return is 5.35%. The requested return on equity is 10.51% and overall rate of return is 6.56%.

STATUS: On March 28, 2023, General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Attorney General of Arkansas filed Direct Testimony and Exhibits.

**REMAINING
PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE:**

Per Order No. 2 issued November 3, 2022:

Company Rebuttal Testimony	April 25, 2023
Staff and Intervenor's Surrebuttal Testimony	May 23, 2023
Company Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony	June 01, 2023
Issues List/Settlement	June 16, 2023
Testimony in Opposition to Settlement	June 21, 2023
Evidentiary Hearing	June 27, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

Arkansas Public Service Commission

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Public Comment Hearing

July 06, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
Pine Bluff Convention Center
#1 Convention Center Plaza
Pine Bluff, AR 71601

STATUTORY FINAL

ORDER DEADLINE: August 5, 2023

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