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July 11, 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 June 30, 2023

Dear Ms. Garrity:

Enclosed please find the quarterly rate case report of the Arkansas Public Service Commission for the period ending June 30, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Shook".

Karen Shook
Acting 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
 JUNE 30, 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 will file Direct Testimony on July 12, 2023.

**REMAINING
PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE:**

Per Order Nos. 3 and 4 issued April 7, 2023 and May 22, 2023, respectively:

Staff/Intervenor’s Direct Testimony July 12, 2023

Company Rebuttal Testimony August 9, 2023

Staff/Intervenor’s Surrebuttal Testimony September 8, 2023

Company Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony September 19, 2023

Issues List/Settlement September 29, 2023

Testimony in Opposition to Settlement October 3, 2023

Evidentiary Hearing October 11, 2023
9:30 a.m.
Arkansas Public Service
Commission
1000 Center Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

Public Comment Hearing October 17, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Gravette Civic Center
401 Charlotte St SE
Gravette, AR 72736

**STATUTORY FINAL
ORDER DEADLINE:**

December 14, 2023

**GENERAL STAFF
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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 June 22, 2023, the General Staff of the Arkansas Public Service Commission, the Attorney General of Arkansas, and Liberty Utilities filed a Unanimous Settlement Agreement. On June 23, 2023, the Commission issued Order No. 5 canceling the evidentiary hearing. On June 28, 2023, in Order No. 6, the Commission propounded written hearing questions to several witnesses in the docket. The responses to the questions are due on July 13, 2023 in the form of Supplemental Testimony.

REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:

Per Order No. 2 issued November 3, 2022:

Public Comment Hearing

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

Per Order No. 6 issued June 28, 2023:

Responses to Commission Questions

July 13, 2023

STATUTORY FINAL

ORDER DEADLINE: August 5, 2023

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