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January 11, 2024

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 December 31, 2023

Dear Ms. Garrity:

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

This report is also available on our website at [www.arkansas.gov/psc](http://www.arkansas.gov/psc).

Sincerely,

/s/ Karen Shook

Secretary of the Commission

Enclosure

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**ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**  
**QUARTERLY REPORT ON STATUS OF UTILITY RATE APPLICATIONS**  
**PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-420**  
**FOR THE QUARTER ENDED**  
**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

**GENERAL RATE CASE FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-401**

<b>DOCKET:</b>	22-085-U																																	
<b>COMPANY:</b>	The Empire District Electric Company (Empire)																																	
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	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																																	
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	February 14, 2023																																	
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	<p>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:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><u>Year 1</u></th> <th><u>Year 2</u></th> <th><u>Year 3</u></th> <th><u>Year 4</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Residential</td> <td>14.0%</td> <td>8.7%</td> <td>8.8%</td> <td>8.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial</td> <td>15.6%</td> <td>7.2%</td> <td>7.5%</td> <td>7.7%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Power</td> <td>2.9%</td> <td>8.7%</td> <td>8.8%</td> <td>8.9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transmission</td> <td>(8.7%)</td> <td>8.7%</td> <td>8.8%</td> <td>7.0%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer under the alternative proposed phase-in is:</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Year 1</td> <td>\$11.01 (10.1%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 2</td> <td>\$12.12 (10.1%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 3</td> <td>\$13.33 (10.1%)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Year 4</td> <td>\$14.69 (10.1%)</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<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%	Year 1	\$11.01 (10.1%)	Year 2	\$12.12 (10.1%)	Year 3	\$13.33 (10.1%)	Year 4	\$14.69 (10.1%)
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<b>STATUS:</b>	<p>Order No. 7, issued October 3, 2023, canceled the evidentiary hearing so that the Commission could consider the Joint Settlement Agreement filed by the parties to the docket.</p> <p>On October 17, 2023, a public comment hearing was held at the Gravette Civic Center.</p>																																	

	<p>Order No. 8, issued December 7, 2023, approved the Joint Settlement Agreement which resulted in a revenue requirement of \$16,328,117. The typical residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month will experience a monthly increase as summarized below:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Year 1    \$19.39 (16.48%)  Year 2    \$19.39 (14.15%)  Year 3    \$19.39 (12.40%) </p> <p>The new rates became effective January 1, 2024.</p>
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	None
<b>STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	December 14, 2023
<b>GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Michael Marchand, Executive Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov">Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov</a>

<b>DOCKET:</b>	23-074-U
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. (BHEA)
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	In The Matter of the Application of Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. for Approval of a General Change in Rates and Tariffs.
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	December 4, 2023
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	<p>BHEA’s current authorized retail revenue requirement is \$137, 725, 321. The Company’s requested retail revenue requirement is \$183,877,502. The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer is \$15.31 or 21%. The proposed percentage increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>Residential – 34.78%  Small Business – 33.83%  Medium Business – 8.84%  Large Business – 19.34%  Gas Lights – 3.77%</p> <p>According to BHEA, the requested \$44.1 million increase in revenues is based on an increase in capital investments, increased operating expenses, and increased cost of capital since rates were last approved in Docket No. 21-097-U.</p>
<b>STATUS:</b>	The General Staff and Intervenors are currently reviewing BHEA’s application and developing their respective positions.
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	To be determined by future Commission order.
<b>STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	October 3, 2024
<b>GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Michael Marchand, Executive Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov">Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov</a>

<b>DOCKET:</b>	23-079-U
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. (SUA)
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	In The Matter of the Application of Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. for Approval of a General Change or Modification in Rates, Charges, and Tariffs.
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	An application is expected between January 19, 2024 – February 19, 2024.
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	To be completed upon filing of Application.
<b>STATUS:</b>	On September 22, 2023, in Docket No. 15-002-U, SUA filed its notice of intent (NOI). On November 20, 2023, SUA withdrew its initial NOI and filed a new NOI.
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	To be determined by future Commission order.
<b>STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	To be determined upon filing of Application.
<b>GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Michael Marchand, Executive Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov">Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov</a>

<b>DOCKET:</b>	23-067-U
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Liberty Utilities (Arkansas Water) Corp. (LUAW)
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	In The Matter of the Application of Liberty Utilities (Arkansas Water) Corp. for Approval of a General Change or Modification in Rates, Charges, and Tariffs.
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	An application is expected between February 17, 2024 – March 18, 2024.
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	To be completed upon filing of Application.
<b>STATUS:</b>	On September 20, 2023, in Docket No. 15-002-U, LUAW filed its notice of intent (NOI) to file a general rate case. On December 19, 2023, LUAW withdrew its initial NOI and filed a new NOI.
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	To be determined by future Commission order.
<b>STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	To be determined upon filing of Application.
<b>GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Michael Marchand, Executive Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov">Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov</a>

**FORMULA RATE REVIEW ACT FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-1201**

<b>DOCKET:</b>	16-036-FR
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Entergy Arkansas, LLC (EAL)
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	In The Matter Of The Formula Rate Plan Filings of Entergy Arkansas Pursuant To APSC Docket No. 15-015-U
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	July 7, 2023
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	<p>EAL’s Earned Rate of Return on Common Equity reflected in the 2023 Evaluation Report is 8.11 % for the Projected Year and, is 7.29% for the Historical Year. As a result, the total projected revenue change necessary to achieve EAL’s Targeted Rate of Return of 9.65% for the Projected Year and for the Historical Year is \$130.3 million. The total revenue change is based upon a Projected Year deficiency of approximately \$80.5 million for 2024 and a deficiency of approximately \$49.8 million in the Historical Year Netting Adjustment for 2022.</p> <p>The estimated monthly impact of EAL’s request is \$5.55 per month or an increase of 4.3% for the average residential customer.</p>
<b>STATUS:</b>	<p>On October 4, 2023, Staff and Intervenors filed their respective Statement of Errors and Objections and Testimony in response to EAL’s Application.</p> <p>On October 19, 2023, EAL filed its Rebuttal Testimony.</p> <p>On October 31, 2023, the Parties filed a joint Settlement Agreement along with Supporting Testimony.</p> <p>Order No. 61, issued November 2, 2023, canceled the evidentiary hearing so that the Commission may consider the Settlement Agreement.</p> <p>Order No. 62, issued December 4, 2023, approved the Settlement Agreement. The average residential customer using 1,000 kWh per month will experience an increase of \$5.49 or approximately 4.25%.</p>
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	None

<b>FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	December 13, 2023
<b>GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Michael Marchand, Executive Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov">Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov</a>



<b>DOCKET:</b>	18-046-FR
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E)
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	In the Matter of the Formula Rate Plan Filings of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Pursuant to APSC Docket No. 16-052-U
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	October 2, 2023
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	<p>OG&amp;E's requested incremental revenue changes requested is 4,738,358. The estimated monthly impact to the average residential customer is \$2.58 or 1.88%.</p> <p>According to OG&amp;E, the Historic Year revenue deficiency in this filing is driven primarily by increased revenues, increased O&amp;M expense primarily attributable to vegetation management and pensions, additional investments in plant, and a change in the proportion of costs allocated to the Arkansas jurisdiction.</p>
<b>STATUS:</b>	On December 28, 2023, General Staff filed its Errors and Objections along with Supporting Testimony.
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	<p>Pursuant to Order No. 25, issued December 15, 2023:</p> <p>OG&amp;E Response to Errors and Objections – January 12, 2024  Settlement or Issues List – January 30, 2024  Opposition to Settlement – February 1, 2024  Hearing – February 6, 2024</p>
<b>STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	March 11, 2024
<b>GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:</b>	Michael Marchand, Executive Director <a href="mailto:Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov">Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov</a>

**FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-1101**

<b>DOCKET:</b>	23-072-U
<b>COMPANY:</b>	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC)
<b>CASE STYLE:</b>	In the Matter of the Application of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation for Modification of Rates and Charges
<b>CASE FILED:</b>	December 5, 2023
<b>APPLICATION SUMMARY:</b>	<p>AECC seeks approval for an increase in its demand and energy charges in an amount equal to 5% of its total gross revenue for calendar year 2022. This represents approximately \$63.8 million in additional revenue for AECC.</p> <p>Sixteen of the seventeen member cooperatives filed for approval to pass through the increase.</p>
<b>STATUS:</b>	The General Staff and Intervenors are currently reviewing AECC's application and developing their respective positions.
<b>REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:</b>	<p>Pursuant to Order No. 2, issued December 14, 2023:</p> <p>Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony – January 23, 2024 Applicant Rebuttal – February 2, 2024</p>
<b>STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:</b>	March 4, 2024
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