

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

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:	<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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STATUS:	<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>
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	December 14, 2023
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

DOCKET:	23-074-U
COMPANY:	Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. (BHEA)
CASE STYLE:	In The Matter of the Application of Black Hills Energy Arkansas, Inc. for Approval of a General Change in Rates and Tariffs.
CASE FILED:	December 4, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<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>
STATUS:	The General Staff and Intervenors are currently reviewing BHEA’s application and developing their respective positions.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	To be determined by future Commission order.
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	October 3, 2024
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

DOCKET:	23-079-U
COMPANY:	Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. (SUA)
CASE STYLE:	In The Matter of the Application of Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. for Approval of a General Change or Modification in Rates, Charges, and Tariffs.
CASE FILED:	An application is expected between January 19, 2024 – February 19, 2024.
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	To be completed upon filing of Application.
STATUS:	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.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	To be determined by future Commission order.
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	To be determined upon filing of Application.
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

DOCKET:	23-067-U
COMPANY:	Liberty Utilities (Arkansas Water) Corp. (LUAW)
CASE STYLE:	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.
CASE FILED:	An application is expected between February 17, 2024 – March 18, 2024.
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	To be completed upon filing of Application.
STATUS:	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.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	To be determined by future Commission order.
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	To be determined upon filing of Application.
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

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

DOCKET:	16-036-FR
COMPANY:	Entergy Arkansas, LLC (EAL)
CASE STYLE:	In The Matter Of The Formula Rate Plan Filings of Entergy Arkansas Pursuant To APSC Docket No. 15-015-U
CASE FILED:	July 7, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<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>
STATUS:	<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>
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None

FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	December 13, 2023
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

DOCKET:	18-046-FR
COMPANY:	Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E)
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Formula Rate Plan Filings of Oklahoma Gas & Electric Pursuant to APSC Docket No. 16-052-U
CASE FILED:	October 2, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>OG&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&E, the Historic Year revenue deficiency in this filing is driven primarily by increased revenues, increased O&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>
STATUS:	On December 28, 2023, General Staff filed its Errors and Objections along with Supporting Testimony.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	<p>Pursuant to Order No. 25, issued December 15, 2023:</p> <p>OG&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>
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	March 11, 2024
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov

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

DOCKET:	23-072-U
COMPANY:	Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC)
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Application of Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation for Modification of Rates and Charges
CASE FILED:	December 5, 2023
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<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>
STATUS:	The General Staff and Intervenors are currently reviewing AECC's application and developing their respective positions.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	<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>
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	March 4, 2024
GENERAL STAFF CONTACT:	Michael Marchand, Executive Director Michael.Marchand@arkansas.gov