

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, 2024

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

DOCKET:	23-079-U
COMPANY:	Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. (SUA)
CASE STYLE:	In the Matter of the Application of Summit Utilities Arkansas, Inc. for a General Change or Modification in its Rates, Charges and Tariffs
CASE FILED:	January 25, 2024
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>SUA’s currently authorized retail requirement is \$169,474,093. The Company’s requested retail revenue requirement is \$279,949,398. The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer is \$18.48 or 29.4%. The proposed percentage increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>Residential – 29.3% SCS-1 – 14.6% SCS-2 – 0% SCS-3 – 0% LCS-1 – 61.1%</p> <p>According to SUA, the requested increase in revenues is driven by (1) level of capital investment in the system and the resulting increase in depreciation expense, (2) “interim rates” that understated SUA’s revenue requirement at the time they were put into effect, (3) weighted average cost of capital and its proposed capital structure, (4) and income taxes.</p>
STATUS:	<p>On October 4, 2024, the parties filed a Joint Motion for Extension of Time to file a settlement agreement.</p> <p>Order No. 7, issued on October 4, 2024, granted the parties’ Joint Motion and extended the deadline for the parties to file their settlement agreement and supporting testimonies to Monday, October 7, 2024.</p>

	<p>On October 7, 2024, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Approve Settlement and Waive Hearing along with supporting testimonies.</p> <p>Order No. 8, issued on October 10, 2024, denied the parties’ Joint Motion in part and ordered all witnesses who submitted written testimony in the docket to appear in person at the evidentiary hearing scheduled for October 15, 2024.</p> <p>The evidentiary hearing was held on October 15, 2024, and continued to October 23, 2024.</p> <p>On October 22, 2024, a public comment hearing was held at the Holiday Inn in Texarkana.</p> <p>On October 23, 2024, the Commission continued the October 15, 2024, evidentiary hearing and adjourned the same day.</p> <p>On October 24, 2024, a public comment hearing was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Jonesboro.</p> <p>Order No. 12, issued on November 21, 2024, approved the Joint Settlement Agreement with modifications, which resulted in a revenue requirement of \$261,422,002. The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer is \$15.43 or an increase of 23.42%. The approved revenue increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>Residential – 59.225% SCS-1 – 26.022% SCS-2 – 0% SCS-3 – 0% LCS-1 – 30.445%</p> <p>Additionally, SUA’s approved return on equity is 9.85%, with an overall rate of return of 6.17%, which is based on a fixed capital structure of 54% debt to 46% equity.</p>
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	November 25, 2024

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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:	March 14, 2024
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>LUAW’s current retail revenue is \$2,315,900 (White Hall Sewer: \$1,121,322, White Hall Water: \$1,031,170, Woodson-Hensley Water: \$163,408). The Company’s requested retail revenue requirement is \$4,565,548 (White Hall Sewer: \$2,159,714, White Hall Water: \$1,906,384, Woodson-Hensley Water: \$499,450). The estimated monthly impact on the average residential customer using 6 ccfs per month for White Hall Sewer is \$43.98 or 118%, White Hall Water is \$32.74 or 89%, Woodson-Hensley Water is \$47.96 or 188%. The proposed percentage increase by rate class is as follows:</p> <p>White Hall Sewer Residential – 94.4%</p> <p>White Hall Water Residential – 82.6% Commercial – 107.1%</p> <p>Woodson-Hensley Water Residential – 185.4% Commercial – 319.7%</p> <p>According to LUAW, the main drivers in any increase in revenue requirement are plant investment, increases in operating costs, and establishing authorized return on equity. This is the Company’s first general rate case in Arkansas.</p>
STATUS:	<p>On October 22, 2024, APSC General Staff (Staff) and the Attorney General’s Office (AG) filed Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits.</p> <p>On October 29, 2024, LUAW filed Sur-Surrebuttal Testimony and Exhibits.</p>

	<p>On November 8, 2024, the AG filed its Issues List and LUAW filed a Motion for Extension of Time to file a settlement agreement with Staff.</p> <p>Order No. 6, issued on November 12, 2024, granted LUAW’s Motion and extended the deadline for LUAW and Staff to file their settlement agreement to Tuesday, November 12, 2024. Order No. 6 also extended the deadline for any parties to file Testimony in Opposition of Settlement to Thursday, November 14, 2024.</p> <p>On November 12, 2024, LUAW and Staff filed a Joint Motion to Approve Non-Unanimous Settlement Agreement & Waive Evidentiary Hearing.</p> <p>On November 14, 2024, the AG filed Testimony and Exhibits in Opposition to the Non-Unanimous Settlement Agreement.</p> <p>Order No. 7, issued on November 18, 2024, canceled the evidentiary hearing scheduled for November 21, 2024, so the Commission could consider the Settlement Agreement.</p> <p>On December 5, 2024, a public comment hearing was held at White Hall City Court. The Non-Unanimous Settlement Agreement is currently pending before the Commission.</p>
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	January 13, 2025
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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 Formula Rate Plan Filings of Entergy Arkansas, LLC, Pursuant to APSC Docket No. 15-015-U
CASE FILED:	July 5, 2024
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>EAL’s Earned Rate of Return on Common Equity in the 2024 Evaluation Report is 8.43% for the Projected Year and 7.48% 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 \$102.6 million. The total revenue change is based upon a Projected Year deficiency of approximately \$69.5 million for 2025 and a deficiency of approximately \$33.1 million in the Historical Year Netting Adjustment for 2023.</p> <p>The estimated monthly impact of EAL’s request is \$5.25 per month or an increase of 4.18% for the average residential customer.</p>
STATUS:	<p>On October 2, 2024, Arkansas Electric Energy Consumers submitted a Statement of Errors and Objections but did not file supporting testimony. On that same day, the Office of the Arkansas Attorney General (AG) and APSC General Staff each filed a Statement of Errors and Objections with supporting testimonies.</p> <p>On October 17, 2024, EAL filed Rebuttal Testimony.</p> <p>On October 30, 2024, the parties filed a Joint Issues List and proposed hearing procedures. General Staff expressed a preference for a live hearing based on treatment of excess ADIT.</p> <p>Order No. 66, issued on October 31, 2024, denied the proposed hearing procedures and propounded questions to the parties.</p> <p>Order No. 68, issued November 4, 2024, converted the live evidentiary hearing to a written one and set hearing procedures.</p> <p>On November 7, 2024, the parties filed Opening Statements in compliance with Order No. 68.</p>

	Order No. 70, issued on December 13, 2024, approved EAL’s application with modifications which resulted in a revenue increase of \$82.7 million, or the maximum allowed under the FRP. The estimated bill impact to the average residential customer is \$5.33 per month or an increase of 4.25%. The increase will be partially offset as General Staff secured a refund of excess ADIT in the amount of approximately \$30 million to be returned to customers as a bill credit over 24 months.
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	None
STATUTORY FINAL ORDER DEADLINE:	December 13, 2024
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FILINGS PURSUANT TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 23-4-1101

DOCKET:	24-069-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 10, 2024				
APPLICATION SUMMARY:	<p>AECC seeks approval for an increase in its demand and energy charges in an amount equal to 3% of its total gross revenue for calendar year 2023. This represents approximately \$28.9 million in additional revenue for AECC.</p> <p>All seventeen member cooperatives filed for approval to pass through the increase.</p>				
STATUS:	The APSC General Staff, the Office of the Arkansas Attorney General (AG), Nucor Steel-Arkansas, and Nucor-Yamato Steel Company are currently analyzing AECC’s filing and will file Direct Testimony on January 28, 2025.				
REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE:	<p>Pursuant to Order No. 3, issued on December 16, 2024:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony</td> <td style="text-align: right;">January 28, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Applicant Rebuttal</td> <td style="text-align: right;">February 7, 2025</td> </tr> </table>	Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony	January 28, 2025	Applicant Rebuttal	February 7, 2025
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