

**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

**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 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

1000 Center Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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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