**Liberty Utilities Advice Letters –** Liberty’s rates will change on July 1, 2021 as it implements its 2021 Energy Cost Adjustment Clause (ECAC) filing. Liberty annually submits an ECAC application to recover costs for fuel, purchased power, and certain other energy-related expenses. The Commission approved an all-party settlement agreement for Liberty’s 2021 ECAC proceeding on May 12, 2021 in Decision (D.) 21-05-005. That decision authorized Liberty to increase its customer rates to collect an additional $0.706 million for these costs as well as a change in the October 2021 Climate Credit from $34 to $26. Liberty submitted Advice Letter 171-E to implement the necessary rate changes (see estimated bill impacts in the table below) and Advice Letter 172-E to implement the change in the Climate Credit.

**Estimated Bill Impacts of Requested Rate Changes Effective July 1, 2021:**

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| Estimated Electric Bill Impacts[[1]](#footnote-1)  | Liberty as of July 1, 2021 |
| * Average Residential Non-CARE electric bill
 | $97.08 |
| * Average Residential Non-CARE electric bill increase
 | $1.13 (1.17%) |
| * Average Residential CARE electric bill
 | $70.49 |
| * Average Residential CARE electric bill increase
 | $1.12 (1.61%) |

D.21-05-005 and the approved settlement agreement authorized:

* Rates lower than those proposed by Liberty in its Application by spreading the amount that needs to be collected over 24 months.
* An update to the October 2021 Climate Credit amount from $34 to $26.
* Modified tariff requirements enabling Liberty to file an ECAC Application each year, thereby disassociating Liberty’s ECAC cost recovery process from its general rate case cycle. This will allow for a more efficient administrative process and help smooth future ECAC implementation.
1. Based on a “typical” residential customer using, on average, 564 kilowatt-hours per month for Non-CARE and 589 kilowatt-hours per month for CARE. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)