

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric                    )  
Company’s Fuel Costs Related to the Extraordinary) Case No. EU-2021-0274  
Weather Event of February 2021                                    )

**WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION FOR TEMPORARY VARIANCE**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, and for its Withdrawal of Motion for Temporary Variance, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”):

1. On March 22, 2021, Liberty filed its Motion for Temporary Variance and Partial Waiver and Motion for Expedited Treatment (“Motion for Temporary Variance”), seeking action by the Commission prior to April 1, 2021, to extend the deadline for the Company to submit its next Fuel Adjustment Rate (“FAR”) filing.

2. Since filing the Motion for Temporary Variance, Liberty has continued to work with stakeholders regarding possible options for Liberty to assist its customers by deferring certain costs that would otherwise be due from customers in the near future under Liberty’s Rider FAC as a result of the unusually high fuel costs incurred by Liberty on behalf of its customers during the extraordinary weather event that occurred in February of 2021.

3. At this time, and as a result of the continued discussions with stakeholders, Liberty withdraws its Motion for Temporary Variance. While still assisting its customers by deferring certain costs that would otherwise be due in the near future under the Rider FAC, Liberty will proceed with making a FAR filing on April 1, 2021.

4. Additional filings in this docket, as well as requests for relief in Liberty’s next general rate case, may also be necessary as a result of the extraordinary weather event and resulting fuel costs, but no action on the part of the Commission is being requested at this time.

WHEREFORE, Liberty withdraws its Motion for Temporary Variance.

Respectfully submitted,

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