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

Greg Stiens,	:
Complainant,	:
ν.	:
The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty,	:
	:

Case No. GC-2021-0395

Respondent.

#### JOINT PROPOSED EVIDENTIARY HEARING DATE

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), on behalf of the parties to this matter, and for its *Joint Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Date*, hereby states:

On April 26, 2021, Greg Stiens filed a complaint against The Empire District Gas Company d/b/a Liberty, alleging that the Company sent him a notice of service being shut off despite the fact that the bill had been paid. Staff filed its *Report* on July 15, 2021. The Commission set a procedural schedule that accounted for a virtual evidentiary hearing on October 14, 2021. At that hearing, the Complainant submitted a motion for an in-person evidentiary hearing. The parties conversed and Staff now files on behalf of the parties a *Joint Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Date*. The parties agree that December 15 or 16, 2021, would be effective to hold an in-person evidentiary hearing. Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.070(15)(E) the evidentiary hearing should be held within thirty (30) miles of Maryville, MO.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Joint Proposed Evidentiary Hearing Date*; will issue an order setting the evidentiary hearing for either December 15 or 16, 2021, within 30 miles of Maryville, MO; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

### /s/ Whitney Payne

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the *Motion* filed in this matter on October 19, 2021, was served by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties or by electronic mail to their representatives, pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Commission's Data Center for this file, as identified here, on the 20th day of October, 2021.

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