BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's) Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric) Case No. ER-2019-0374 Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area)

INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company ("Liberty-Empire" or the "Company"), and provides this Informational Notice to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission"):

1. Pursuant to the Notice of Intended Case Filing submitted May 29, 2019, a Liberty-Empire general rate case filing is forthcoming. Issues the Commission will be asked to consider and decide in the general rate case are those that normally arise in general rate case proceedings for an electric utility with a fuel adjustment clause, including the operation of the Company's generation plants.

2. On June 28, 2019, Liberty-Empire filed its Triennial Integrated Resource Plan in which it addressed the Asbury generation plant, including the possible date for its retirement. Liberty-Empire has now determined that it will retire the Asbury plant no later than June of 2020.

3. This decision has been fully discussed with the Company's employees that work at the Asbury plant, and Liberty-Empire is required to submit formal notification to the Southwest Power Pool ("SPP") of the Company's plan to retire Asbury. This notification will be provided to SPP as early as today.

4. The retirement of Asbury, to occur no later than June of 2020, will be addressed in Liberty-Empire's direct testimony to be submitted as part of the forthcoming general rate case filing.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits to the Commission this Informational Notice. No relief or action on the part of the Commission is requested with this filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 9th day of August, 2019, with notice of the same sent to all counsel of record.

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