

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)
District Electric Company, The Empire District)
Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural)
Gas) Corp., and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water))
LLC for an Affiliate Transactions Rule Variance)

File No. AO-2018-0179

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Motion for Extension* states as follows:

1. The Modified Procedural Schedule ordered by the Commission in this case requires that Additional Direct Testimony in Support of Stipulation be filed by Staff and the Applicant Utilities by January 23, 2019. The Parties, including the Office of Public Counsel, have been engaged in settlement negotiations and believe they are close to an agreement to settle all issues in this matter. As such, the Staff requests an extension of one day for Staff and the Applicant Utilities to file a Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Additional Direct Testimony, to January 24, 2019, in the hope that additional time to negotiate will result in a unanimous agreement. Staff has spoken with counsel for all parties in this case and all have indicated that they do not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission extend the time allowed for filing a Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement and Additional Direct Testimony in Support until Thursday January 24, 2019; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing was served via e-mail on Counsel for the Parties of record to this case, on this 23rd day of January, 2019.

/s/ Mark Johnson