

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Electric Company,)
Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and Liberty Sub Corp.) Case No. EM-2016-0213
Concerning an Agreement and Plan of Merger and)
Certain Related Transactions.)

MOTION TO REVISE PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. (“LU Central”), and Liberty Sub Corp. (sometimes collectively hereinafter “Joint Applicants”), and, for its Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On May 4, 2016, the Commission issued its Order Setting Procedural Schedule and Other Procedural Requirements (Order). Therein, the Commission accepted some portions of a procedural schedule proposed by the parties, but also with modification in regard to the evidentiary hearing dates.

2. Currently, the Order directs that the “Joint List of Issues, order of witnesses, order of parties for cross-examination, order of opening statements” document be filed on August 15, 2016, and that the parties’ Position Statements be filed on August 18, 2016. Given that the evidentiary hearing is not scheduled to start until August 29, 2016, the number of parties, and the desire to provide parties additional time to prepare position statements, the Joint Applicants propose that the procedural schedule be revised to provide as follows:

August 16, 2016	Joint List of Issues, order of witnesses, order of parties for cross-examination, order of opening statements
August 22, 2016	Position Statements

All other procedural schedule dates would remain the same.

3. Counsel for the Joint Applicants has circulated this motion to the parties.

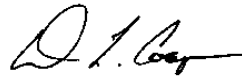
Counsel for the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, MECG, LiUNA, City of Joplin, Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association LLC, The Empire District Electric SERP Retirees, and MEUA have affirmatively communicated that they have no objection to this motion. Counsel is not aware of any objection to this proposal.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request that that Commission sustain this Motion and revise the procedural schedule as proposed herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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