

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

In the Matter of the Establishment of a Working Case)
Regarding FERC Order 2222 Regarding Participation of)
Distributed Energy Resource Aggregators in Markets) Case No. EW-2021-0267
Operated by Regional Transmission Organizations and)
Independent Systems Operators)

INITIAL RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, and for its Initial Response to Commission Order, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On February 24, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Opening a Working Case to Consider the Commission’s Response to FERC Order 2222*. With that *Order*, the Commission directed “each Missouri investor-owned electric utility to respond with suggestions by March 31, 2021.”

2. The Service List for this case indicates that Liberty was served as follows: “Legal Department, 602 S Joplin Avenue, P.O. Box 127, Joplin, MO, 64801.” The undersigned counsel maintains an office in Jefferson City, Missouri, and there is not a “Legal Department” for Liberty in Joplin, Missouri. Unfortunately, service of the *Order* did not reach the undersigned counsel, who became aware of the obligation for Liberty to respond to the *Order* today.

3. Liberty will be unable to respond with suggestions by today, but will prepare and file suggestions as quickly as possible, so that Liberty’s response may be reflected in Staff’s report (due April 30, 2021).

WHEREFORE, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty respectfully submits this Initial Response to Commission Order and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 31st day of March, 2021, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

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