

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

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire District)
 Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to Obtain a)
 Financing Order that Authorizes the Issuance of) Case No. EO-2022-0040
 Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds for)
 Qualified Extraordinary Costs)

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, and, on behalf of all parties to this proceeding, respectfully presents this Proposed Procedural Schedule for consideration by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

Milestones	Begin Date (if applicable)	End Date
Financing Order Deadline		Monday, August 22, 2022
Post-Hearing Briefing		
Reply Briefs (all)		Wednesday, July 27, 2022 ¹
Initial Briefs (all)		Wednesday, July 20, 2022
Transcripts Due		Friday, July 8, 2022
Hearing	Monday, June 20, 2022	Friday, June 24, 2022
Position Statements		Monday, June 13, 2022
List of Issues, etc.		Thursday, June 9, 2022
Pre-Filed Testimony		
Surrebuttal (all)		Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Rebuttal (non-Company)		Friday, May 20, 2022
Motion to Consolidate (Liberty to file motion to ask for Asbury securitization docket to be consolidated into the Storm Uri docket)		Monday, April 25, 2022
Petition and Company’s Direct Testimony (Asbury)		Monday, March 21, 2022

¹ In the alternative, if the Commission prefers briefing to be completed on July 13 and July 20, the parties ask that expedited transcripts be requested.

Petition and Company's Direct Testimony (Storm Uri)		Wednesday, January 19, 2022
Discovery		
By Rule	-	Monday, March 21, 2022
10 calendar days to respond, 5 calendar days to object (deadlines do not roll forward to next business day)	Tuesday, March 22, 2022	Thursday, April 28, 2022
7 calendar days to respond, 3 calendar days to object (deadlines do not roll forward to next business day)	Friday, April 29, 2022	-
Discovery Cutoff (last day to serve DRs or hold depositions)		Friday, June 10, 2022

1. Regarding the service of Data Requests and other discovery, the parties request that the Commission order that requests served on a non-business day or after 5:00 p.m. on a business day shall be deemed served on the following business day.
2. In anticipation of the Asbury securitization petition being filed and then consolidated into this Storm Uri securitization docket, Liberty consents to discovery on the Asbury issues being served in this docket.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 22nd day of February, 2022, and sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

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