

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

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy )  
Metro, Inc. d/b/a Evergy Missouri Metro for ) File No. ET-2021-0151  
Approval of a Transportation Electrification )  
Portfolio. )

In the Matter of the Application of Evergy )  
Missouri West, Inc. d/b/a Every Missouri ) File No. ET-2021-0269  
West for Approval of a Transportation )  
Electrification Portfolio )

**REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty and respectfully requests that Liberty be excused from providing an opening statement, cross examining witnesses, or otherwise participating in the hearing, and respectfully requests to be excused from such proceedings. In this regard, Liberty states as follows:

1. On March 11, 2021, Liberty filed its Motion to Intervene in the above styled matters; and, on March 23, 2021, the Commission granted Liberty’s Motion, based on a determination that intervention would serve the public interest, as provided by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.075(3).

2. Counsel for Liberty will attend the hearing virtually, but Liberty has not filed testimony and does not plan to offer an opening statement or to cross examine witnesses in this case. If Liberty decides to file a brief, it recognizes it will take the record as it is developed.

3. Accordingly, Liberty respectfully requests to be excused from the hearing.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons cited above, Liberty requests that the Commission grant its request to be excused from appearing at the hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021, with a copy sent to all counsel of record.

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