

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

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities’ Motion for)
Temporary Variances Regarding Electric, Gas,) Case No. AO-2020-0335
Water, and Sewer Tariffs and the Impact of)
COVID-19 on Missouri Customers)

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“EDE”), The Empire District Gas Company (“EDG”), and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (“Liberty Water”), all Liberty Utilities companies (collectively, the “Utilities”), and, on behalf of the Utilities, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), submit this Proposed Procedural Schedule for consideration by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. EDE-electric and water, Liberty Water-water and sewer, and EDG seek approval of temporary tariff sheets related to the provision of bill credits to customers who use a credit/debit card for electronically submitted payments and are charged a fee for said use.
2. Staff and OPC recommended rejection of the tariff sheets and believe the tariff sheets are not necessary in order for the Utilities to lawfully issue the credits.
3. On May 21, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Tariffs*, suspending the proposed temporary tariff sheets until August 21, 2020, and stating that the Commission lacks a factual basis for either approving or rejecting the proposed tariffs. Thereafter, the Commission directed the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule for the further processing of the Utilities’ request.
4. The Utilities, Staff, and OPC believe there are no facts in dispute and that this case presents the legal issue of whether tariffs are necessary in order for the Utilities to lawfully provide the requested bill credits to customers. As such, the parties submit that testimony and an evidentiary hearing are not currently needed.

5. For their proposed procedural schedule, the parties suggest as follows:

Joint Stipulation of Facts July 8, 2020

Legal Briefs July 10, 2020

WHEREFORE, this proposed procedural schedule is respectfully submitted on behalf of all parties.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 12th day of June, with notice of the same sent to all counsel of record.

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