

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

In the Matter of the Application of The            )  
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a        )  
Liberty to Obtain a Certificate of                )        Case No. EA-2023-0131  
Convenience and Necessity to Enhance        )  
System Resiliency                                 )

**STATUS REPORT**

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

1. On February 14, 2023, Liberty filed its Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Enhance System Resiliency, as the Riverton project to enhance the resiliency of the Company’s electric system may require a CCN pursuant to the definitions of “construction” and “asset” in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-20.045(1) and 20.045(2)(A).

2. Since the submission of the Application, there have been additional developments regarding the generation interconnection process with the Southwest Power Pool (“SPP”).

3. To allow time for Liberty to address issues with SPP regarding generation interconnection and to allow time for Liberty to provide additional information to the Staff of the Commission and other parties to this proceeding regarding the details of the Riverton Units 10 and 11 project, Liberty requested a stay of these proceedings.

4. The requested stay was granted by the Commission, with Liberty directed to file monthly status reports.

5. At this time, Liberty continues to address issues with SPP regarding generation interconnection, and Liberty continues to evaluate options regarding this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Liberty submits its first status report. No action on the part of the Commission is requested at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, with a copy sent to all counsel of record.

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