

**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)
Convenience and Necessity to Enhance)
System Resiliency)

File No. EA-2023-0131

STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Status Report* states:

1. On February 14, 2023, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed an application (“Application”) for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage two combustion turbine generators, each with a nominal net output of 13.3 MW to replace existing combustion turbine generators, Riverton Unit 10 and Riverton Unit 11.

2. On February 16, 2023, the Commission issued its Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention and Response Deadlines, and Directing Staff Recommendation, which, among other things, setting April 3, 2023 as the date for Staff to file a recommendation, or a status reporting stating when it expects to file a recommendation.

3. Staff has been reviewing the Application, issuing discovery, and reaching out to Liberty for justification and documentation for the project. Staff proposes Wednesday, May 3, 2023 as the date for its Recommendation or for a procedural schedule from the parties if that becomes a more appropriate route.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission accepts its Status Report, and grant such other and further relief as it deems just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record on this 3rd day of April, 2023.

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