

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

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File) Case No. ER-2021-0312
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service)
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area)

CONSENT MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”), with the consent of all parties to this rate case proceeding, and respectfully submits this Consent Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule.

1. The current date for the filing of surrebuttal testimony by all parties is January 14, 2022.
2. Parties, including Liberty and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”), have needed more than five business days to provide their substantive responses to some of the data requests issued to them after December 20, 2021, the date the ordered response time changed from 15 calendar days to five business days. This has affected witnesses’ abilities to prepare their prefiled surrebuttal testimony for filing on January 14, 2022.
3. For example, a set of data requests was served by Liberty on OPC on January 4, 2022, and Liberty needs the data request responses for the preparation of surrebuttal testimony. OPC will provide the responses to the data requests on January 17, 2022.
4. Additionally, Liberty is pursuing the possibility of settlement with the parties.
5. Given the foregoing, Liberty requests that the filing date for surrebuttal testimony be extended from January 14, 2022, to January 20, 2022, and that the date for the Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) to circulate the preliminary reconciliation be extended to January 21, 2022. These extensions will not impact any other dates in the procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Liberty, with the consent of all parties, respectfully requests an order modifying the procedural schedule as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 11th day of January, 2022, with a copy sent to all counsel of record.

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