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

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company, Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and Liberty Sub Corp. Concerning an Agreement and Plan of Merger and Certain Related Transactions

File No. EM-2016-0213

## **ORDER GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: April 19, 2016

Effective Date: April 19, 2016

On March 16, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. ("LU Central") and Liberty Sub Corp. filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve a transaction in which LU Central would acquire all of the common stock of Empire. On March 17, 2016, the Commission issued an order directing notice of the application and setting a deadline of April 14, 2016 for persons requesting to intervene in this matter. The City of Joplin, the Missouri Department of Economic Development-Division of Energy, Midwest Energy Users' Association, Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association, and the Empire District SERP Retirees filed timely applications to intervene. No party has objected to the applications to intervene. The applications satisfy all requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 and intervention will be granted.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The application to intervene filed by the City of Joplin is granted.

2. The application to intervene filed by the Missouri Department of Economic Development-Division of Energy is granted.

3. The application to intervene filed by the Midwest Energy Users' Association is granted.

4. The application to intervene filed by the Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association is granted.

5. The application to intervene filed by the Empire District SERP Retirees is granted.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.

## **BY THE COMMISSION**

Morris I Woodruff



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.