

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

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 CANCELING EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND SCHEDULING AN
ON-THE-RECORD PROCEEDING REGARDING STIPULATIONS AND
AGREEMENTS FILED BY THE PARTIES**

Issue Date: August 26, 2016 Effective Date: August 26, 2016

On March 16, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company, Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and Liberty Sub Corp. (“Joint Applicants”) filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve a merger transaction. On August 25, 2016, Joint Applicants filed a pleading stating that there are no remaining disputed issues to resolve in this matter, other than stipulations and agreements that purport to resolve all outstanding issues regarding the proposed transaction. Since there are no issues to be addressed at an evidentiary hearing, the Commission will cancel the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin on August 29, 2016. The Commission would like to question the parties about the pending stipulations and agreements and will schedule an on-the-record proceeding for that purpose. The Commissioners anticipate having questions only about the stipulations and agreements between Joint Applicants and the Office of the Public Counsel, Staff, and Division of Energy/Renew Missouri.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for August 29-31, 2016, is canceled.

2. An on-the-record proceeding for the purpose of questioning the parties about the proposed stipulations and agreements is scheduled for Tuesday August 30, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this proceeding, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the proceeding.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. 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 26th day of August, 2016.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 26th day of August 2016.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 26, 2016

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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