

**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 GRANTING APPLICATIONS TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: April 26, 2016

Effective Date: April 26, 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. Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Unions No. 1464 and 1474, and the Midwest Energy Consumers Group 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 Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri is granted.

2. The application to intervene filed by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Unions No. 1464 and 1474 is granted.

3. The application to intervene filed by the Midwest Energy Consumers Group is granted.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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 April, 2016.