

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric )  
Company for Authority to Implement Rate )  
Adjustments Related to the Company's Fuel ) **File No. ER-2020-0311**  
and Purchase Power Adjustment (FAC) )  
Required in 20 CSR 4240-20.090 )

## ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 18, 2020

Effective Date: August 18, 2020

On June 24, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* and set a hearing date of September 10, 2020. On August 10, 2020, the Commission directed the parties to respond by no later than August 24, 2020, regarding telephone and video testimony and the prospects for conducting a remote hearing in this case. On August 17, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company (Liberty-Empire), on behalf of Liberty-Empire, the Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), filed a *Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule*. The motion advises the parties have reached a settlement "in principle" and the parties intend to file a written settlement agreement by September 1, 2020.

The Commission will suspend the procedural schedule as requested to facilitate agreement. In addition, the Commission will suspend any obligation to respond to the Commission's August 10, 2020 order concerning remote hearing. The Commission will order the parties to file a status report.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. All procedural deadlines in this case are suspended until further order.

2. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for September 10, 2020, is indefinitely postponed.
3. Any obligation to respond to the Commission's August 10, 2020 order concerning remote hearing is suspended until further order.
4. The parties shall file a status report no later than September 1, 2020.
5. 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

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 18th day of August, 2020.