

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to)
Obtain a Financing Order that Authorizes) **File No. EO-2022-0040**
the Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff)
Bonds for Qualified Extraordinary Costs)

ORDER SCHEDULING A PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 23, 2022

Effective Date: February 23, 2022

The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) submitted a verified petition for financing order under Section 393.1700, RSMo, seeking authority to issue securitized utility tariff bonds regarding the extraordinary costs incurred by Liberty on behalf of its customers during the anomalous weather event of February 2021 (“Winterstorm Uri”). On February 23, 2022, the parties filed a jointly proposed procedural schedule, which includes a proposed evidentiary hearing on June 20-24, 2022.

Those hearing dates conflict with the Juneteenth holiday on June 20, and with the MARC conference on June 20-22. In addition, the Commission has questions about the proposed consolidation of this case with the yet to be filed Asbury securitization case. To address these matters, the Commission will schedule a procedural conference.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A procedural conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on March 1, 2022.
2. The procedural conference will be held virtually via Webex. To participate, please join meeting number 2455 972 5963. The meeting password is 0040. You may also join by phone by calling 1-650-479-3207 or 1-312-535-8110. An invitation link will be sent to all counsel via email.

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

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of February, 2022.

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 23rd day of February, 2022.





Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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