

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company's Application for)	<u>File No. ET-2020-0259</u>
Approval of a Community Solar)	Tariff No. YE-2022-0261
Program for Electric Customers in the)	
Missouri Service Area)	

**PROPOSED DATE WHEN STAFF WILL FILE ITS
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and respectfully states as follows:

1. In its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff Recommendation* issued in File No. ET-2020-0259 on May 25, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation in that case no later than June 8, 2022.

2. The Empire District Electric Company ("Liberty") filed its Community Solar Application and associated tariff sheets on May 24, 2022, with an effective date of July 1, 2022. To facilitate further discussion with Staff, Liberty voluntarily extended the effective date of the tariffs twice.

3. On June 13, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation on Tariff No. YE-2022-0261 no later than July 12, 2022.

4. On July 12, 2022, Staff filed its *Staff Recommendation to Reject Tariff Sheet* to the Commission. Then on July 25, 2022, the Commission ordered the parties to submit either a proposed procedural schedule or an alternative pleading by August 1, 2022, describing how the parties intended to proceed.

5. Since Staff submitted its recommendation, Staff and Liberty engaged in a productive conversation regarding the application's issues. Staff and Liberty concur that additional time is required to engage in additional discussions and discovery that could lead to a resolution of this case.

6. Staff proposes that its proposed procedural schedule or alternative pleading be submitted by August 22, 2022.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons previously stated, Staff respectfully requests the Commission order Staff to submit the parties' procedural schedule or alternative pleading no later than August 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 1st day of August, 2022.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff