

**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)

Case No. EM-2016-0213

**STAFF'S NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION TO
NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and states the following:

1. On August 23, 2016, the Joint Applicants and the Office of Public Counsel filed a non-unanimous *Stipulation and Agreement*, as a comprehensive settlement of all issues relevant to the Joint Application filed by Empire, LU Central and Liberty Sub Corp.

2. Staff has reviewed the *Stipulation and Agreement* and has no objection. However, Staff will not be a signatory to the agreement.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully files its *Notice of Non-Opposition to Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement*.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 24th day of August, 2016.

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