

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

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a)
Liberty to Obtain a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity to Enhance)
System Resiliency)

File No. EA-2023-0131

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: December 18, 2023

Effective Date: December 18, 2023

On February 14, 2023,¹ The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed an application with the Commission seeking an order granting a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing Liberty to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage two combustion turbine generators to replace existing combustion turbine generators Riverton Unit 10 and Riverton Unit 11.

On May 10, the Commission stayed the proceedings in this matter to allow Liberty to address interconnection issues with the Southwest Power Pool and to provide additional information to the Staff of the Commission (Staff) and other parties regarding the details of the proposed project.

On October 13, Liberty filed an *Amended Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* and asked that the stay be lifted. On November 2, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff Recommendation or Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, setting a December 15 deadline for Staff to file one or the other pleading.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all dates refer to the year 2023.

On December 15, Staff filed a *Motion for Extension*. The motion states that discovery is ongoing, and Staff has had conversations with Liberty about an additional filing that would allow a Staff recommendation that would potentially obviate the need for a procedural schedule or evidentiary hearing. Therefore, Staff requests an extension to January 14, 2024, to file a status report on the progress of discussions with Liberty or a procedural schedule.

The Commission finds Staff's motion reasonable and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than January 14, 2024, Staff shall file either a status report on discussions with Liberty or a joint proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all parties.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of December, 2023.

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 18th day of December 2023.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
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,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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