



**The Empire District Electric Company**

**A Liberty Utilities Company**

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**REQUEST:**

When is the use of short term debt imprudent, as Mr. Timpe testifies on page 5 at lines 21 and 22 of his rebuttal testimony?

**RESPONSE:**

As noted in Mr. Timpe's rebuttal testimony on page 3 at lines 12-18, utilizing short-term debt to finance long-lived assets ignores the matching principle. It would be imprudent to continually rollover short-term funding as a means of financing long-term assets.