

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

Lonnie Freeman,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. EC-2024-0160</u>
)	
The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a)	
Liberty,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: January 26, 2024

Effective Date: January 26, 2024

On November 7, 2023,¹ Mr. Lonnie Freeman filed a complaint with the Commission against The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty. On December 8, 2023, Liberty filed its response. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) file its Report on January 19, 2024. Having received the complaint, the answer, and Staff’s Report, this matter is ready to be set for hearing.

In order to discuss a procedural schedule leading up to an evidentiary hearing and *possible settlement or mediation* of this matter, the Commission will set a prehearing conference. For their convenience, the parties may appear by telephone or computer as set out below.

¹ All dates refer to 2023.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on February 15, 2024, beginning at 9:00 a.m., to be conducted via WebEx telephone and video conference. The WebEx link, access telephone numbers, and access code will be distributed by email to Complainant Lonnie Freeman and to all counsel of record for the other parties.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 26th day of January, 2024.

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 26th day of January 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

January 26, 2024

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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**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.