

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

In the Matter of the Application of Garrett )  
Stancer and Southway Storage for )  
Change of Electric Supplier from The ) **File No. EO-2024-0194**  
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a )  
Liberty to White River Valley Electric )  
Cooperative, Inc. )

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT AND  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through counsel, provides the Commission with a status report on the application described in the case caption, and asks the Commission to grant Staff until March 12, 2024, within which to file a recommendation.

On December 12, 2023, Garrett Stancer and Southway Storage filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission requesting that the electric supplier be changed from The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. (White River). On December 18, 2023, the Commission issued its order making Liberty and White River parties to the proceeding and setting deadlines for Liberty, White River, and Mr. Stancer to file pleadings. The Commission also ordered Staff to file its recommendation or a request for an extension of time stating when it expected to file a recommendation no later than January 26, 2024.

Liberty and White River both filed pleadings on January 12, 2024, citing to statutes and case law applicable to the facts as they each saw them. Liberty asked the Commission to deny and/or dismiss the application while White River asked the Commission to grant it. Staff promulgated eight data requests to which Staff awaits responses. Staff needs answers to these questions (and may need to send out follow-up

data requests depending on those answers) in order to complete its investigation and provide the Commission with a recommendation. Staff asks the Commission to extend the recommendation deadline to March 12, 2024.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff asks the Commission to accept this status report as compliant with the Commission's order and to order Staff to file its recommendation no later than March 12, 2024.

Respectively Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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