

**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) **File No. EA-2023-0131**
Convenience and Necessity to Enhance)
System Resiliency)

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its *Staff Recommendation* in this matter states:

1. On February 14, 2023, the Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) filed an Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, maintain, and otherwise control and manage two combustion turbine generators, each with a nominal net output of 13.3 MW to replace existing combustion turbine generators, Riverton Unit 10 and Riverton Unit 11. Liberty then filed a request to stay the proceedings and subsequently filed an *Amended Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* and a *Second Amended Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* requesting approval of the second amended Application.

2. Staff’s Report, attached to this pleading as Attachment A, outlines Staff’s evaluation of Liberty’s Application and recommends certain conditions to be included in the Commission’s Order. Staff does not recommend the Commission grant decisional prudence for this case, but it does recommend approval of the request for a CCN.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Staff Recommendation*; will grant Liberty a CCN for the two combustion turbine

generators subject to Staff's recommended conditions; and that it will grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 8th day of March, 2024, to all counsel of record.

/s/Whitney Scurlock