



The Empire District Electric Company

A Liberty Utilities Company

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REQUEST:

What was the purpose of the EDE's ASAs between January 1, 2017, and June 30, 2017? Did anyone evaluate the effect on EDE's costs from procuring goods and services from an affiliate to the EDE costs to continue to producing the good or service itself? If yes, please provide copies of all the documentation related to this evaluation.

RESPONSE:

This response is provided subject to and without waiving the previously served objections.

The ASAs executed and effective as of January 1, 2017 allowed for Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. ("APUC"), Liberty Utilities (Canada) Corp. ("LUC"), Liberty Utilities Co. ("LUCo") and Liberty Utilities Service Corp. ("LUSC") to provide services to The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company and Empire District Industries, Inc. ("Empire") on the first day following the closing of the merger transaction. The ASAs also allow Empire to provide shared services to LUC and LUSC.

In File No. EM-2016-0213, Liberty-Empire witness, Mr. Peter Eichler, discusses corporate cost allocations and affiliate transactions. On page 12 of his Direct Testimony and Schedule PE-2, Mr. Eichler addresses the anticipated impacts and projected net savings for Missouri electric customers.