

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

In the Matter of the Empire District Electric )  
Company's d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Fuel ) **Case No. EU-2021-0274**  
Costs Related to the Extraordinary Weather )  
Event of February 2021. )

**STAFF RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Response* to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* issued herein on March 13, 2024, states as follows:

The Commission inquired whether, given the closure of Case No. EO-2022-0040 on February 21, 2024, this case may be closed? Staff responds that yes, this case may be closed.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays the Commission will accept its *Response to Response* to the Commission's *Order Directing Filing* issued herein on March 13, 2024.

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 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024**, to all counsel of record pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Commission's Data Center.

*/s/ Kevin A. Thompson*