

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

**STAFF'S MOTION TO EXTEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE DEADLINE**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and after consultation with the parties prays the Commission issue an order extending the deadline for the filing of a Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule or other appropriate pleadings.

On April 12, 2024, the Commission ordered that no later than May 3, 2024, Staff would file a joint proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all parties. Staff advises the Commission that it appears that the case is substantially settled except possibly for one issue. The parties continue discussions on the unresolved issue. Although the general contours of that issue are well understood, it is a matter of some conjecture at this time as to what a procedural schedule for a hearing on that issue should look like. Staff, accordingly, suggests that the most efficient procedural path here is for the Commission to extend the current deadlines and set a new deadline for a proposed procedural schedule or other appropriate pleadings. Staff suggests that the deadline be extended by thirty-one days to June 3, 2024.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission's order extending the May 3, 2024, deadline for filing a joint proposed procedural schedule and order the parties to file either a proposed procedural order or other appropriate pleadings no later than June 3, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned by his signature below certifies that the foregoing pleading was served upon all counsel of record on this May 3, 2024, by electronic filing in EFIS, electronic mail, hand-delivery, or U.S. postage prepaid.

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