

**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 Costs Related to the)
Extraordinary Weather Event of 2021.)

Case No. EU-2021-0274

**LIST OF ISSUES, LIST AND ORDER OF WITNESSES, ORDER OF
CROSS-EXAMINATION, AND ORDER OF OPENING STATEMENTS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and hereby tenders this *List of Issues, List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross Examination, and Order of Opening Statements* in satisfaction of the Commission's *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* issued herein on December 15, 2021:

Issue:

Should the Commission grant an AAO permitting Empire to track and defer, beginning February 2021, to a regulatory asset: (1) the remaining 5% of extraordinary fuel and purchased power costs from February 2021 that was not deferred as a result of Case No. ER-2021-0032; (2) carrying costs on the total February 2021 fuel and purchased power expenditures at the Company's weighted average cost of capital; and (3) other costs specifically related to Winter Storm Uri, including outside legal fees?

Hearing: January 28, 2022.

Order of Witnesses:

Charlotte Emery (Empire)
Kim Bolin (Staff)
Geoff Marke (OPC)

Order of Opening Statements:

Empire
Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission
Office of the Public Counsel

Order of Cross Examination:

Empire's witness: Staff, OPC.
Staff's witness: Empire, OPC.
OPC's witness: Staff, Empire.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission tenders this *List of Issues, List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross Examination, and Order of Opening Statements* in satisfaction of the Commission's *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* issued herein on December 15, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **20th day of January, 2022**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson