BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to Obtain a Financing Order that Authorizes the Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds for Energy Transition Costs Related to the Asbury Plant

File No. EO-2022-0193

ORDER GIVING NOTICE AND SETTING A DEADLINE TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: March 22, 2022

Effective Date: March 22, 2022

On March 21, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) submitted a verified petition for financing order, seeking authority to issue securitized utility tariff bonds regarding energy transition costs related to the retirement of the Asbury electric generating facility. Liberty filed that petition under Section 393.1700, RSMo.

The Commission will provide notice of Liberty's petition and establish a time to apply to intervene. The Commission notes that the controlling statute requires the Commission to establish a procedural schedule permitting a Commission decision no later than 215 days after the date the petition was filed. That requires a decision no later than October 22, 2022.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county within Liberty's service area, and to each party in Liberty's current general rate case, File No. ER-2021-0312.

2. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Liberty's service area and to the news media serving therein. 3. Applications to intervene shall be filed no later than April 8, 2022, with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission or in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 22nd day of March, 2022.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of March, 2022.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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