BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas

Case Nos. WR-2024-0320 and SR-2024-0321

LIBERTY'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty") and, for its Request to be Excused, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. As noted in its application to intervene and position statement filed herein, Liberty's interest in this case arises from its status as a high-volume customer of Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") with a special contract.

2. Liberty has taken a position on only one issue: sub-issue 13(a) on the List of Issues,

Order of Opening Statements, Order of Cross-Examination filed on February 14, 2025, by the Staff of the Commission (special contracts and Rate J).

3. A Partial Stipulation and Agreement was filed herein on February 28, 2025. This stipulation addresses, among other things, special contracts and Rate J; and this stipulation was executed or not opposed by all parties.

4. As such, Liberty requests that the Commission excuse undersigned counsel from appearing at the hearing and excuse Liberty from any remaining filing obligations in this matter, excluding any that may arise regarding the referenced stipulation.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully submits this Request to be Excused and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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