

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
The Empire District Electric Company)
d/b/a Liberty and Southwest Electric)
Cooperative for Approval of Second)
Territorial Agreement Designating)
Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas for)
Each Near the City of Bolivar, Missouri)

File No. EO-2025-0223

STAFF’S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and states as follows:

1. On February 14, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) and Southwest Electric Cooperative (“Southwest”) (collectively the “Joint Applicants”) filed a Joint Application seeking Commission approval of a second territorial agreement (“Application”).

2. Also on February 14, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline, and Directing Staff Recommendation*, which in part set a March 7, 2025, deadline to intervene, and which set a March 14, 2025, deadline for Staff to file either a recommendation or a status report.

3. Staff submitted initial data requests (“DRs”) to Joint Applicants on March 5 and 6, 2025, and anticipates receiving all responses on or by March 26, 2025.

4. In order to provide sufficient time for Staff to examine Joint Applicants’ request, to provide the opportunity to receive and review DR responses – and the potential need to issue additional discovery in its examination – Staff requests the Commission order Staff to submit its Recommendation no later than April 18, 2025.

5. This Status Report is made in the interest of justice and without the intent to unreasonably delay or hinder these proceedings in any manner.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission accept this Status Report; order Staff to file its Recommendation regarding the Application no later than April 18, 2025; and to grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System on this 13th day of March, 2025.

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