# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of White River Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. For Approval of Designated Service Boundaries Within Portions of Christian County, Missouri

File No. EO-2025-0228

## **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 19, 2025, White River Valley cooperative, Inc. ("White River") filed an application for an order approving designated service boundaries (the "Application), pursuant to Section 386.800.3, RSMo. and 20 CSR 4240-20.045.

2. On February 27, 2025, the Commission issued its *Order and Notice*, which set a March 13, 2025, deadline for applications to intervene, and which set a March 28, 2025, deadline for Staff to file a Recommendation (the "Order").

3. On March 11, 2025, White River filed its *Motion for Expedited Treatment*, requesting that the Commission rule on the Application no later than May 20, 2025.

4. On March 13, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty") filed its *Motion to Intervene*, stating in part that Liberty "would be the electric service supplier to the property which is the subject of the Application ... absent a Commission decision in favor of White River in this docket" and that "Liberty is reviewing White River's Application and is unsure of the positions it will take in this case." Liberty anticipates being able to provide its positions in 60 days or as required by any procedural schedule established in the docket.

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5. Staff has submitted initial data requests ("DRs") to White River and anticipates submitting additional DRs to both White River and Liberty (provided Liberty is granted intervention status in this matter).

6. Assuming complete DR responses are timely received, or that the Parties can agree to a shortened DR response deadline, Staff anticipates it can file its Recommendation on or by April 21, 2025.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report indicating that Staff anticipates it can file a recommendation on or by April 21, 2025, and respectfully requests the Commission accept the same, and for 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 true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on this 26th day of March, 2025.

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