

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

In the Matter of the Application of White River)
Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc. For Approval) **File No. EO-2025-0228**
of Designated Service Boundaries Within)
Portions of Christian County, Missouri)

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), on behalf of itself, White River Valley Cooperative, Inc. “White River”), and The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”), in response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Procedural Schedule*, and presents the following *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*:

Proposed Procedural Schedule

1. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct Testimony (White River)	April 23, 2025
Staff Report	May 5, 2025
Rebuttal Testimony (Optional)	May 14, 2025
Surrebuttal Testimony (Optional)	May 28, 2025
Settlement Conference (Virtual or Jeff City) (All Parties)	June 4, 2025
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening Statements, List of Exhibits	June 10, 2025
Statements of Position	June 17, 2025

Evidentiary Hearing	June 30, 2025 (or July 7 or 8)
Initial Briefs Due	5 days from Filed Transcripts
Reply Briefs Due	5 days after Initial Brief
Requested Commission Order	As soon as practical

Discovery Procedures

2. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following procedures regarding discovery:

- a. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- b. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.
- c. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS"), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.

- d. Upon the filing of this procedural schedule with the Commission, the response time for all data requests shall be 10 calendar days, and 5 calendar days to object or notify that more than 10 calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information. After the filing of Staff's Report (May 5, 2025), the response time for data requests shall be 5 business days to provide the requested information, and 2 business days to object or notify that more than 5 business days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Staff's Report is filed without holding the conference required by 20 CSR 4240- 2.090(8)(B).
- e. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.
- f. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.
- g. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.
- h. The Parties request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be filed in EFIS no later than one week after hearing.

WHEREFORE, on behalf of the Parties, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule.

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 14th day of April, 2025.

/s/ Alexandra Klaus