

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

In the Matter of the Petition)
of The Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty to Obtain)
a Financing Order that) File No. EO-2022-0040
Authorizes the Issuance of)
Securitized Utility Tariff Bonds)
for Qualified Extraordinary)
Costs)

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
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JOHN CLARK, Presiding
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Let's go on --
2 just a second. Let's go on the record. Today's date
3 is March 11th of 2025. And the current time is
4 11:00 a.m. The Commission has set aside this time
5 today for a procedural conference in the case
6 captioned as, in the matter of the petition of the
7 Empire District Electric Company, doing business as
8 Liberty to obtain a financing order that authorizes
9 the issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds for
10 qualified extraordinary costs. And that is case
11 EO-2022-0040.

12 We do not have a court reporter present. I
13 am recording this via Webex and that recording will be
14 sent out and will be transcribed and that
15 transcription will be filed. As to how it's going to
16 be filed, that I'll have yet to determine.

17 My name is John Clark. I'm the regulatory
18 law judge presiding over this matter. I'm going to
19 begin by asking the attorneys for the parties to enter
20 their appearance for the record, starting with
21 Liberty.

22 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter, for the Empire
23 District Electric Company, doing business as Liberty.

24 LAW JUDGE CLARK: And Ms. Carter, who have
25 you brought with you today from the company?

1 MS. CARTER: I have Charlotte Emery, Monica
2 Gloodt, and Taylor McDaniel.

3 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you. On
4 behalf of the Commission staff.

5 MR. KEEVIL: Yes, Judge. Excuse me. Jeff
6 Keevil, 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson
7 City, Missouri 65112.

8 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Thank you, Mr. Keevil.
9 And who has staff brought with them today?

10 MR. KEEVIL: I believe Ms. Bolin and
11 Ms. Haug are on the -- on the line, Your Honor. And
12 I'm not aware of anyone else.

13 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Thank you. On
14 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel.

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan -- can you hear me?

16 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Yes, I can. Although,
17 I'm getting a bit of an echo.

18 MR. WILLIAMS: I think I flipped on
19 something I shouldn't have. Nathan Williams for the
20 Office of Public Counsel.

21 LAW JUDGE CLARK: And have you brought
22 anyone with you here today? I think I saw Mr. Murray.

23 MR. WILLIAMS: David Murray may be and John
24 Riley may be.

25 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Are there any

1 parties I've missed? I hear no one. I have a -- I
2 have a few call-in users here. If you called in,
3 would you let me know, please?

4 MR. WILLIAMS: This is Nathan Williams. I
5 did call in. I thought I had problems with the audio.

6 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I've got you as
7 call-in user 4. I also got a call-in user 3 and a
8 call-in user 2. Are those Commission advisors?

9 MS. FISCHER: This is Janis Fischer. I
10 must be user 2.

11 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. I -- I have you as
12 a labeled user, but I would like to figure out who my
13 call-in users are. I'm going to be going in camera,
14 and I want to be sure that everybody present is
15 authorized to hear sensitive information. So who
16 is -- is -- is -- if you called in by phone, please,
17 let me know or I may be moving you out of this
18 meeting. Okay. That creates -- okay. I'm going to
19 go through a list of who I have present. Okay.
20 Janis, would you say something again, Ms. Fischer?

21 MS. FISCHER: Yes. I -- I called in by
22 phone, but I also have the visual.

23 LAW JUDGE CLARK: Okay. Okay. I've got
24 you.

25 MS. FISCHER: Okay. Thank you.

1 LAW JUDGE CLARK: One phone call person who
2 I don't know who that is. So I've got myself, I've
3 got Mr. Williams, I've got Ms. Fischer, I've got
4 Mr. Murray, I have Ms. Carter, I have Mr. Anderson, I
5 have Ms. Burton-Aro, I've got Ms. Myers, I've got
6 Ms. Fischer again. I've got Mr. Keevil, Ms. Bolin,
7 Ms. Haug, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Williams again, and
8 Ms. Skurlock (phonetic). Is there anybody I haven't
9 called?

10 SHERLYNN: Hey, John. This is me.
11 Sherlynn (phonetic).

12 LAW JUDGE CLARK: That answers my question,
13 Sherlynn.

14 All right. It appears that everyone who is
15 present is authorized to hear this information, so.

16 (Whereupon, in camera proceedings were
17 held).

18 LAW JUDGE CLARK: I'm going to adjourn this
19 hearing, and we'll go off the record. Thank you.

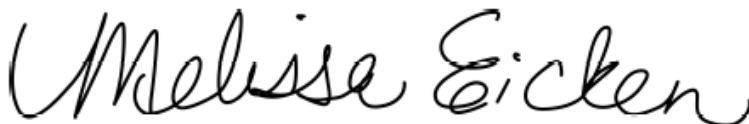
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