# 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

#### 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. This deadline was later extended.

3. 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 anticipated being able to provide its positions in 60 days or as required by any procedural schedule established in the docket.

4. A procedural schedule was ordered by the Commission and included a Settlement Conference, at which the Parties reached an agreement in principle that would settle the case.

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5. On June 10, 2025, a *Joint Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule* was filed, noting the Parties' proposal that a suspension order also direct the Parties to file a Stipulation and Agreement or a Status Report by June 30, 2025. Also on June 10, 2025, the Commission entered its *Order Suspending Procedural Schedule*, which includes an order to file a stipulation and agreement or a status report no later than June 30, 2025 (the "June Order").

6. Staff files this *Status Report* in accordance with the June Order. It is Staff's understanding that White River and Liberty are continuing to work on finalizing maps and descriptions and request additional time to complete these tasks. Staff proposes the Parties either file a stipulation and agreement or a status report by July 31, 2025.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* 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,

#### <u>|s| Alexandra Klaus</u>

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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 30th day of June, 2025.

## <u>|s| Alexandra Klaus</u>