



The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty

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REQUEST:

What is “regulatory efficiency” as used by Mr. Reed on page 3 of his rebuttal testimony? Provide all documentation that Mr. Reed relied on to form his definition.

RESPONSE:

The goals of regulatory efficiency focus on achieving optimal outcomes for customers and investors (i.e., no one stakeholder receives undue advantage or disadvantage), while minimizing unnecessary costs and administrative burdens. Mr. Reed did not rely on any documentation to form his definition; it is based on his 49 years of experience in utility regulation.