

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for)
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates)
for Electric Service Provided to Customers)
In its Missouri Service Area)

Case No. ER-2024-0261

ORDER DELAYING START OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND CHANGING PROCEDURAL DEADLINES

Issue Date: September 22, 2025

Effective Date: September 22, 2025

The two-week evidentiary hearing in this matter is set for October 6, 2025,¹ and October 8 through October 20 (note that October 13 is a state holiday).

On September 22, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a *Joint Motion to Extend Procedural Deadlines* (Joint Motion). The Joint Motion states that following settlement discussions, the parties² agreed to request that the Commission extend two procedural deadlines and to delay the start of the evidentiary hearing.

The requested deadline extensions are as follows:

- The List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Stipulation of Facts is currently due on September 23. An extension is requested to Wednesday, September 24.
- Position Statements are currently due on September 26. An extension is requested to Monday, September 29.

¹ All dates refer to 2025 unless otherwise indicated.

² The parties include the following: Empire District Electric Company, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group, the Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association, LLC, Renew Missouri, the Office of the Public Counsel, Consumers Council of Missouri, Influent Energy, and IBEW Local Union 1474.

The Joint Motion also requested that the start of the evidentiary hearing be moved from Monday, October 6 to Wednesday, October 8.

The Commission finds the Joint Motion's requests to be reasonable and will grant them.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The evidentiary hearing currently set begin October 6 is changed to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 8.
2. The due date of the List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Stipulation of Facts is changed to be filed no later than Wednesday, September 24.
3. The due date of Position Statements is changed to be filed no later than Monday, September 29.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
On the 22nd day of September, 2025

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 22nd day of September 2025.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

September 22, 2025

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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