

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

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

RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Liberty” or “Company”), and for its Response to Commission Order, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”).

1. On August 14, 2025, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Liberty Response*, directing Liberty to “inform the Commission whether it is complying with provisions of the Commission’s securitization Report and Order requiring investment of funds in the General, Capital, and Excess Funds subaccounts” and “update the Commission regarding the investment of subaccount funds in the October quarterly securitization update.”

2. As noted in the *Order Directing Liberty Response*, Liberty submitted Form 10-D to the Securities and Exchange Commission in January and July concerning its payments for securitization bonds, reporting no investment earnings on the noted securitization subaccounts, and that the securitization Report and Order provides that the funds in those subaccounts be invested by the indenture trustee in short-term high-quality investments.

3. When the securitization bonds were issued, Liberty received information from the indenture trustee regarding investing. At that time, Liberty concluded that the funds in the subaccounts could not be invested due to the nature of the restricted bank accounts for the securitization funds. Upon further investigation, however, in July of 2025, Liberty determined

that the bank accounts would allow the indenture trustee to invest the balances in four money market funds without moving the funds into separate investment accounts.

4. Accordingly, on August 7, 2025, Liberty directed the indenture trustee to begin investing the subaccount funds.¹ As of September 24, 2025, \$17,544.34 has been earned on the invested subaccount funds.

WHEREFORE, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty respectfully submits this Response to Commission Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 1st day of October, 2025, and sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter

¹ The indenture trustee began investing the funds in the General and Excess Funds subaccounts on August 7, 2025, with interest beginning to accrue on August 8, 2025. The indenture trustee began investing the funds in the Capital subaccount on September 15, 2025, with interest beginning to accrue on September 16, 2025.