

**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	)	Case No. ER-2024-0261
For Electric Service Provided to Customers	)	
In its Missouri Service Area	)	

AMENDED HEARING SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty” or the “Company”), on behalf of all parties, and submits this Amended Hearing Schedule.

Additionally, the parties stipulate to the admission of all testimony prefiled in this docket, as well as Exhibits 227 (DR 2001), 201NP (DR 8054), and 200NP (DR 8053). The parties further stipulate to the following correction to the prefiled rebuttal testimony of Daniel Dane, page 21, lines 17-18, “*As noted by Fitch in May ~~2024~~ 2025 (i.e., after the March 31, 2025 update period in this case):*”

The parties seek permission for certain witnesses to appear remotely, as noted below. Further, the parties request that witnesses not listed on the amended schedule be excused from the hearing; and the parties request that witnesses listed under the footnoted issues below be excused from appearing at the hearing on those issues unless the Commission has questions for them.

Hearing Schedule and Order of Witnesses

Tuesday, October 14

Preliminary Matters

Opening Statements

*Customer Experience (Issues 142, 144-155, 159-160, 163)

Company Witnesses:

Amy Walt (142, 146, 148, 164-165)

Candice Kelly (142-145, 147, 149-158, 161-162)

Tim Wilson (142, 159-160, 163-164)
Charlotte Emery (142, 163)
John Reed (142, 160, 163) (will be taken out of order, on 10/16)

Staff Witnesses:

Matthew Young (142a, 142c, 161)
Tyrone Thomason (142b, 142c(i), 143 – 156, 158, 161)
J Luebbert (142b, 146, 148)
James Busch Testimony (Kim Bolin adopting) (142d)

Public Counsel Witness:

Geoff Marke (142, 143, 148-165)

*Income Statement Issues (Issues 38, 40, 44-61, 66–71, 76, 78-79, 81)¹

Company Witness:

Charlotte Emery

Staff Witnesses:

Jared Giacone
Melanie Marek
Brooke Mastrogiannis
Antonija Nieto
Justin Tevie
Christophe Boronda
Matthew Young
Nathan Bailey
Sydney Ferguson
Lindsey Smith (54)

OPC Witnesses:

John Robinett (46-48, 51b)
Geoff Marke (51)

*Miscellaneous Issues (Issues 26–27, 139-140)²

Company Witnesses:

Charlotte Emery (139)
Brian Berkstresser (140)

Staff Witnesses:

Jared Giacone (25 – 27, 136 – 137)

¹ Parties agree to waive cross-examinations and openings for all but issue 51a and ask for witnesses to be excused from appearing on these issues unless there are Commissioner questions.

² Parties agree to waive cross-examinations and openings for this issue and ask for witnesses to be excused from appearing on these issues unless there are Commissioner questions.

Nathan Bailey (138)
Matthew Young (139)

Public Counsel Witness: John Robinett (140)

Wednesday, October 15

*Billing Determinants and Rate Design (Issues 107-109) (the issues to be resolved are the revenue requirement impacts of Issues 107-109)³

Company Witnesses:

Tim Lyons (108-109) (virtual attendance)
Charlotte Emery (107)
Aaron Doll (109) (will be taken out of order, on 10/16)

MECG Witnesses: (virtual appearances) (will be taken out of order, on 10/17)

Kavita Maini
Richard Nelson

Staff Witnesses:

Sarah Lange (107)
Justin Tevie (107)
Randall Jennings (108, 109)

*Cash Working Capital (Issue 3)⁴

Company Witnesses: Charlotte Emery, Tim Lyons (virtual attendance)
Staff Witness: Lindsey Smith

*Prepayments (Issue 4)⁵

Company Witness: Charlotte Emery
Staff Witness: Lindsey Smith

*Materials, Supplies, and Inventory (Issue 5)⁶

Company Witness: Charlotte Emery
Staff Witness: Lindsey Smith

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*Customer Deposits/Customer Advances (Issues 7-8, 75)⁷

Company Witness: Charlotte Emery

Staff Witness: Lindsey Smith

*Regulatory Assets/Liabilities (Issues 9-14)⁸

Company Witness: Charlotte Emery

Staff Witness: Nathan Bailey

*Allocations/Allocators/CAM (Issues 73-74, 84)⁹

Company Witnesses: Charlotte Emery, Peter Eichler (74) (virtual)

Staff Witness: Angela Niemeier (73, 84)

Public Counsel Witness: Angela Schaben (73, 74)

*Capital Structure/ROE/Cost of Debt (Issue 1)

Company Witness: Dan Dane (also, Customer Experience Issues 142(d) and 160)

Staff Witness: Chris Walters

Public Counsel Witness: David Murray

*Regulatory Assets/Liabilities (Issues 17-24, 29, 34-35)¹⁰

Company Witness: Charlotte Emery

Staff Witnesses:

Jared Giacone (17 – 21)

Matthew Young (23, 34, 35)

Nathan Bailey (24)

Cristopher Boronda (29)

Sarah Lange (30)

Karen Lyons (30)

Public Counsel Witness: John Robinett (22)

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*Customer Programs (Issues 15, 118)¹¹

Company Witnesses:

Charlotte Emery (15)

Nate Hackney (118)

Staff Witnesses:

Sydney Ferguson (15)

Amy Eichholz (118)

Sarah Lange (118)

James Busch Testimony (Kim Bolin adopting) (118)

Renew Witness: Jessica Polk Sentell

Public Counsel Witness: Geoff Marke

Consumers Council Witness: Jim Thomas

Thursday, October 16

*Riverton 10 (Issue 2h, 88)¹²

Company Witnesses:

Brian Berkstresser

Aaron Doll

Staff Witness:

Matthew Young (2h, 88b)

Brodrick Niemeier (88a – 88c)

Public Counsel Witness: John Robinett

*Miscellaneous Issues (Issues 6, 132, 133, 134, 135)¹³

Company Witnesses:

Todd Tarter (132, 134, 135)

Charlotte Emery (6, 133)

Aaron Doll (135)

Staff Witnesses:

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Alan Bax (132, 133)
Angela Niemeier (133)
Antonija Nieto (6, 134, 135)

* Pension/OPEB Issues (Issues 16, 62 – 65)¹⁴

Company Witness: Jim Fallert (virtual), Charlotte Emery

Staff Witness: Matthew Young

*Customer Experience Issues 142, 160, 163 (cont.)

Company Witness: John Reed (taken out of order on this date due to witness availability)¹⁵

*FAC (Issues 41-43, 85, 90-91, 95, 97-99)

Company Witnesses:

John Reed (93, 98)
Todd Tarter (85, 91)
Aaron Doll

Staff Witnesses: Brooke Mastrogiannis, Shawn Lange (85)

Public Counsel Witnesses:

Angela Schaben (95)
Lena Mantle

Friday, October 17

*Plant and Accumulated Depreciation (Issue 2a-g, i-j)¹⁶

Company Witnesses:

Charlotte Emery
Jeff Westfall (2c, d, i, j)

Staff Witnesses:

Claire Eubanks (2i)
Christopher Boronda (2a)
Brodrick Niemeier(2h)
Matthew Young (2e, 2f, 2g, 2h)

¹⁴ Parties agree to waive cross-examinations and openings for this issue and ask for witnesses to be excused from appearing on these issues unless there are Commissioner questions.

¹⁵ OPC agrees to waive cross-examination of John Reed, with compensation stipulated.

¹⁶ Parties agree to waive cross-examinations and openings for this issue and ask for witnesses to be excused from appearing on these issues unless there are Commissioner questions.

Public Counsel Witnesses:
John Robinett (2a-c, f)
Geoff Marke (2d, j)
Jordan Seaver (2i)

***Ozark Beach Crane Extension (Issue 89)**

Company Witnesses: Brian Berkstresser (89A), Charlotte Emery (89B)

Staff Witness: Brodrick Niemeier

Public Counsel Witness: Geoff Marke

***Additional Issues (Issue 169)**

Company Witness: Charlotte Emery

Staff Witness: Coty King

Public Counsel Witness: Geoff Marke

Monday, October 20

***Depreciation (Issue 80)¹⁷**

Company Witness: Dane Watson (virtual appearance)

Staff Witness: Malachi Bowman

Public Counsel Witness: John Robinett

***Tax Matters (Issues 31-33, 36-37, 77, 82, 87)¹⁸**

Company Witness: Michael McCuen

Staff Witness: Matthew Young

Public Counsel Witness: John Riley (31, 32, 36-37, 87)

***Cybersecurity (Issue 72)¹⁹**

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¹⁹ Parties agree to waive cross-examinations and openings for this issue.

Company Witnesses: Shawn Eck, Charlotte Emery

Staff Witness: Karen Lyons

Public Counsel Witness: Angela Schaben

Amended Order of Cross Examination

Empire Witnesses: RenewMO, MECG, Staff, Consumers Council, OPC

Staff Witnesses: RenewMO, MECG, Consumers Council, , Empire, OPC

OPC Witnesses: Consumers Council, RenewMO, MECG, Staff, Empire

MECG Witnesses: RenewMO, Consumers Council, Empire, Staff, OPC

CCM Witnesses: OPC, RenewMO, MECG, Staff, Empire

RenewMo Witnesses: MECG, Consumers Council, Empire, Staff, OPC

WHEREFORE, on behalf of all parties, Liberty submits this Amended Hearing Schedule for the Commission's consideration.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 10th day of October, 2025, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record, and I further certify that the above document was sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter