BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Application for Approval of a Community Solar Program for Electric Customers in the Missouri Service Area

File No. ET-2020-0259 Tariff No. YE-2022-0004

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its *Motion for Extension* respectfully states as follows:

1. On July 2, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company ("Empire-Liberty") filed new tariff sheets for its Community Solar Pilot Program, with an effective date of August 1, 2021.

2. On July 6, 2021, the Commission ordered Staff to file its recommendation regarding the Empire-Liberty filed tariff sheets no later than July 13, 2021.

3. Empire-Liberty, the Office of the Public Counsel, Renew Missouri, and Staff discussed the new tariff sheets on July 12, 2021. The parties discussed potential changes to the tariff sheets. In addition, Staff's review of the rates outlined within the tariff sheets is ongoing.

4. In order for Staff to complete its review of the tariff sheets, provide time for any substitute tariff sheets if needed, and ensure that Empire-Liberty's requested effective date of August 1, 2021 is met, Staff respectfully requests a brief extension to file its recommendation no later than the morning of July 19, 2021.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Motion for Extension* for the Commission's information and consideration, and prays that the Commission extend the due date for Staff's recommendation to no later than the morning of July 19, 2021.

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Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 13th day of July 2021.

<u>/s/ Travis J. Pringle</u>