

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

Eddie and Carlene Johnson,)
Complainants,)
)
v.) **Case No. EC-2026-0048**
)
The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a)
Liberty,)
Respondent.)

LIBERTY'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) and, in response to the regulatory law judge’s (“RLJ”) request, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”):

1. On January 20, 2026, the Commission held a prehearing conference in this matter. At that time, the RLJ asked that a status report be filed this week to alert him as to where the parties were in terms of next steps.
2. Representatives of Liberty and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have communicated about settlement both at the prehearing conference and subsequently. Those communications continue.
3. Accordingly, Liberty requests that the Commission direct it to file another status report by February 12, 2026, if the case has not otherwise been resolved by that time.

WHEREFORE, Liberty respectfully requests that the Commission consider the foregoing and issue such orders as it shall find to be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 30th day of January 2026, with notice of the same being sent to all parties by electronic mail.

//s// Dean L. Cooper