

**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 THIRD STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) and states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) in response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing*:

1. On February 18, 2026, in response to Liberty’s *Second Status Report* the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing*, which required Liberty to file another status report by February 24, 2026.

2. As indicated in the prior status report, Liberty has taken steps to implement terms of a settlement discussed by the parties. The parties are awaiting the issuance of the Complainants’ next regular statement (expected to be issued on March 6, 2026) and the Complainants’ opportunity to receive, review and confirm the status of that statement.

3. Accordingly, Liberty requests that the Commission direct it to file another status report by March 20, 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 24th day of February 2026, with a copy of same being sent to all parties by electronic mail.

//s// Dean L. Cooper