

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

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

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: March 23, 2026

Effective Date: March 23, 2026

On August 26, 2025, Eddie and Carlene Johnson filed a complaint against The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty. Liberty has denied the allegations. The Staff of the Commission filed its Report on November 14, 2025.

After a prehearing conference, Liberty filed a Status Report on January 30, 2026, indicating the parties are discussing a settlement. Most recently, Liberty filed a Fourth Status Report on March 20, 2026. Liberty asks to file another status report by April 3, 2026. The Commission finds the request reasonable, and the Commission will grant it.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Liberty shall file a status report or other pleading no later than April 3, 2026.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

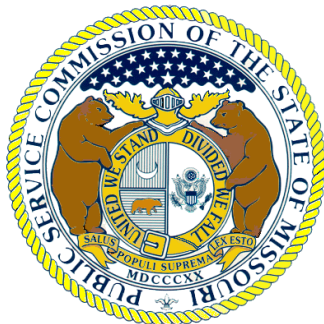
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2026.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.



*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**March 23, 2026**

**File/Case No. EC-2026-0048**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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