

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District)
Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company,)
Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and) **File No. AO-2017-0360**
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for Approval of)
Their Cost Allocation Manual.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STATUS REPORT

Issue Date: August 18, 2017

Effective Date: August 18, 2017

The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, all subsidiaries of Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp., have filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking approval of their Cost Allocation Manual. At a procedural conference held on August 10, 2017, the presiding officer directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by August 17, emphasizing that a hearing does not need to be scheduled at this time if the parties believe it is not appropriate to do so.

On August 17, the parties filed a joint motion asking the Commission to delay the filing of a procedural schedule indefinitely. They explain that extensive negotiations will be required to develop a cost allocation manual and that a firm procedural schedule would not be helpful at this stage of the negotiations. Instead, they ask that Staff be directed to provide a status report regarding the state of the negotiations by December 17.

The Commission accepts the recommendation of the parties and will not establish a procedural schedule at this time. It will direct Staff to file a status report as proposed by the parties.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file a status report regarding the state of negotiations by December 17, 2017.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of August, 2017.

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 18th day of August 2017.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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