

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         | ) | <b><u>Case No. ET-2026-0184</u></b> |
| New or Modified Tariffs for Service to Large  | ) |                                     |
| Load Customers                                | ) |                                     |

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, and for its *Motion for Expedited Treatment*, states as follows:

1. On August 11, 2026, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or the "Company") filed its *Second Motion for Extension of Time* in this matter, seeking a second thirty-day extension of the time by which it must file its noticed case or repeat the process described in 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1) provides in pertinent part, "[i]f the expected case filing is not made within one hundred eighty (180) days, the noticed case shall close."

3. The expiration of the period as extended by the Commission's order of July 2, 2026, is tomorrow, August 14, 2026.

4. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.050(3)(A) provides, "(3) [w]hen an act is required or allowed to be done by order or rule of the commission at or within a specified time, the commission may— (A) Order the period enlarged before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order[.]"

5. Now, the Company respectfully moves the Commission to act on its pending motion by August 14, 2026, thereby avoiding the delay necessarily consequent upon a repeat of the noticing process described in 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

6. This motion should have been included in the Company's *Second Motion for Extension of Time* filed on August 11, 2026, but was not due to inadvertence. Thus, it has been filed as soon as it was determined that it was needed. The Company's *Second Motion for Extension of Time* was filed as soon as it was determined that the case filing would not be ready by August 14, 2026.

7. Disposal of the Company's *Second Motion for Extension of Time* on an expedited basis, by August 14, 2026, would not harm or prejudice any party to this case and would be in the public interest.

**WHEREFORE**, Liberty moves the Commission to take up and rule on its *Second Motion for Extension of Time* by August 14, 2026; and grant such other and further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ATTORNEYS FOR THE EMPIRE DISTRICT  
ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A LIBERTY**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent by electronic mail to all parties of record this 13<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson