

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

In the Matter of the Application of Ryan Edwards)
for Change of Electric Supplier to Ozark Electric)
Cooperative, Inc. from Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty.)

Case No. EO-2026-0306

**MOTION TO RESCHEDULE PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, doing business as Liberty, and for its *Motion to Reschedule Prehearing Conference and Motion for Expedited Treatment*, states as follows:

1. On September 3, 2026, the Commission by order set a prehearing conference in this matter for September 15, 2026, at 10:00 A.M.

2. Unfortunately, the undersigned will be in Florida between September 14 and September 18 and unable to appear at a prehearing conference on the 15th.

3. The undersigned has contacted Mr. Edwards, Mr. Battagler, and Mr. Graham for the Staff and neither has any objection to rescheduling the prehearing conference for after September 18, 2026. The undersigned was unable to contact the Office of the Public Counsel.

4. Mr. Edwards expressed a preference for the early afternoon of September 23, 2026. Neither Mr. Graham nor Mr. Battagler had any objection to that date and time; neither has the Company any objection.

5. The Company requests expedited treatment of this motion in order to avoid the need for stand-in counsel at the prehearing conference, who would be unfamiliar with the case and unable to best represent the Company's interests.

WHEREFORE, the Company moves the Commission to expeditiously reschedule the prehearing conference for after September 18, 2026, preferably to the early afternoon of September 23, 2026; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 3rd day of September, 2026.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson