

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

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

Case No. EO-2026-0306

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND REQUEST FOR RELIEF

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and respectfully states as follows:

1. The prehearing conference occurred on September 24, 2026, as directed by the Commission's Order Resetting Prehearing Conference issued September 4, 2026.

2. At the prehearing conference, the Regulatory Law Judge asked that a proposed procedural schedule or a status report be filed no later than October 15, 2026. Staff submits this Status Report in compliance with that request.

3. The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Company") advises Staff that the parties are continuing settlement discussions.

4. Staff requests that the Commission relieve Staff of the duty to file further status reports unless otherwise ordered by the Commission and direct the Company to file further status reports or a proposed procedural schedule as the Commission orders.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully prays that the Commission accept this Status Report as compliant with its request; relieve Staff of the duty to file further status reports unless otherwise ordered; and direct the Company to file further status reports or a proposed procedural schedule as the Commission orders.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served on all parties of record as reflected on the Commission's certified service list by electronic mail or first-class mail this 15th day of October, 2026.

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