

The Empire District Electric Company A Liberty Utilities Company Case No. ER-2019-0374 MPSC Data Request – 0333

Data Request Received: 03/16/20 Request No. 0333 Date of Response: 04/01/20 Respondent: Joshua Tupper

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## **REQUEST:**

Prior to its retirement on March 1, 2020, when was the last time Asbury was dispatched for generation.

## **RESPONSE:**

The last SPP IM dispatch received by Asbury Unit 1 for energy was December 12, 2019, 07:55 AM. The unit started shutdown at 08:00 AM and continued to have output until the breaker was opened approximately at 09:00 AM.

December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 was the last operating day that Asbury was offered into the SPP IM as Market. Starting December 13, 2019, the plant was offered daily to the SPP IM as Outage. Empire continued to monitor market conditions, forward market prices and evaluate economical fuel procurement options. If market conditions and forward market prices created an opportunity for Empire to procure fuel at a price allowing Asbury to operate economically, fuel would have been purchased and the unit would have been offered Available to the markets once fuel was received. In order to properly manage costs, Empire did not want to procure additional fuel if the unit was not going to be able to economically make use of it.