



The Empire District Electric Company

A Liberty Utilities Company

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OPC Data Request – 1026

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REQUEST:

The affiliate transaction report shows LABS charges to the Company, what is LABS and does it have a contract with the Company authorizing these charges? If no contract, under what authority does LABS have to charge the Company?

RESPONSE:

This response is provided subject to and without waiving the previously served objections.

As stated in footnote 8 on page 12 of the Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. ("APUC") Cost Allocation Manual ("CAM"), Liberty Algonquin Business Services ("LABS") is a business unit with staff employed within Liberty Utilities (Canada) Corp. ("LUC") and Liberty Utilities Service Corp. ("LUSC") who provide shared services that benefit both regulated (Liberty Utilities) and unregulated (Liberty Power) businesses with APUC. Shared services provided by Canada-based LABS employees for the benefit of the Company are provided in accordance with the LUC affiliate services agreement. Shared services provided by U.S.-based employees for the benefit of the Company are provided in accordance with the LUSC affiliate services agreement.