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January 19, 2022

***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

Mr. Morris Woodruff, Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty  
Commission Case No. EO-2022-0040**

Dear Judge Woodruff:

On behalf of Liberty, I am providing herewith to the Commission for filing the Verified Petition for Financing Order for authorization of the issuance of securitized utility tariff bonds regarding the extraordinary costs incurred by Liberty on behalf of its customers during the anomalous weather event of February 2021 (“Storm Uri”).

With this Petition, Liberty is pleased to present this first of its kind financing proposal in Missouri under RSMo. §393.1700 (the “Securitization Statute”) in an effort to reduce costs for its customers associated with Storm Uri. Specifically, Liberty is submitting its Storm Uri costs for a determination that they are “qualified extraordinary costs” as contemplated by the Securitization Statute and a request that the Commission issue a financing order authorizing Liberty to issue securitized utility tariff bonds for these costs in order to provide quantifiable net present value benefits to Liberty’s customers.

Pursuant to the Securitization Statute and in support of the Petition, I am also submitting for filing the direct testimonies of Matthew DeCoursey, Aaron Doll, Karen Hall, Katrina Niehaus, and John Olsen.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have regarding this matter, and please bring these securitization filings to the attention of the Commissioners and the appropriate Commission personnel.

Sincerely,

*Diana Carter*