

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company, Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and)
Liberty Sub Corp. Concerning an Agreement and)
Plan of Merger and Certain Related Transactions)
File No. EM-2016-0213

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: May 4, 2016

Effective Date: May 4, 2016

On March 16, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. (“LU Central”) and Liberty Sub Corp. filed a joint application asking the Commission to approve a transaction in which LU Central would acquire all of the common stock of Empire. On March 17, 2016, the Commission issued an order directing notice of the application and setting a deadline of April 14, 2016 for persons requesting to intervene in this matter. On April 23, 2016, the Pittsburgh Corning Corporation filed a motion to late file and application to intervene. No party has objected to the motion or the application to intervene. The Commission concludes that good cause exists to permit intervention out of time, and the application satisfies all requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075. The motion and intervention will be granted.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion to late file and application to intervene filed by the Pittsburgh Corning Corporation are granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 4th day of May, 2016.