BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for an Affiliate Transactions Rule Variance.

Case No. AO-2018-0179

MOTION TO CONTINUE HEARING

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COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and, for its *Motion to Continue Hearing,* states:

1. On or about March 27, 2019, the undersigned counsel received a jury summons from the 13th Judicial Circuit Court Jury Commission Board to be available as a juror during the week of April 22, 2019.

The Commission has scheduled the evidentiary hearing in this case for April 25, 2019.

3. If required to report for jury service on April 25, 2019, the undersigned counsel will be unable to appear on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel at the evidentiary hearing the Commission has scheduled for that same day.

4. The undersigned counsel has a conflict for May 5-8, 2019, but he and the Office of the Public Counsel's witness in this case know of no other conflicts they have that month.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel moves the Commission to continue the hearing in this case on the ground set forth above.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 5th day of April 2019.

/s/ Nathan Williams