

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire       )  
District Electric Company, The Empire District       )  
Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural       )       Case No. AO-2018-0179  
Gas) Corp., and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water)       )  
LLC for an Affiliate Transactions Rule Variance.       )

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COME NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire Electric”), The Empire District Gas Company (“Empire Gas”), Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp. (“Liberty Midstates”), and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC (“Liberty Utilities”) (collectively, the “Applicants”), by and through counsel, and, on behalf of all parties to this proceeding (the Applicants, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel), submit this proposed procedural schedule for the further processing of this case:

Direct Testimony (Applicants) - Dec. 21, 2018

Rebuttal Testimony (Staff and OPC) - Jan. 18, 2019

Surrebuttal Testimony (all parties) - Feb. 4, 2019

Issues List, etc. - Feb. 13, 2019

Position Statements - Feb. 19, 2019

Hearing - March 4, 2019

Post-Hearing Briefs - March 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, with notice of the same being sent to all counsel of record.

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