

**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 )

**Case No. EM-2016-0213**

**STAFF'S NOTICE OF NON-OPPOSITION TO  
STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT AS TO EDESR**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and states the following:

1. On August 23, 2016, the Joint Applicants and The Empire District Electric SERP Retirees ("EDESR") filed an amended non-unanimous stipulation and agreement, as a settlement of the EDESR's issues related to the Joint Application filed by Empire, LU Central, and Liberty Sub Corp.

2. Staff has reviewed the *Stipulation and Agreement as to EDESR* and has no objection. However, Staff will not be a signatory to the agreement.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully files its *Notice of Non-Opposition to Stipulation and Agreement as to EDESR*.

Respectfully Submitted,

**/s/ Mark Johnson**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

**/s/ Mark Johnson**