

**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 MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING

Issue Date: August 30, 2016

Effective Date: August 30, 2016

On August 26, 2016, the Commission issued an order setting an on-the-record proceeding for August 30, 2016, regarding stipulations and agreements filed by certain parties. On August 29, 2016, counsel for the Midwest Energy Users' Association requested to be excused from appearing at that proceeding. The Commission finds the request reasonable and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Midwest Energy Users' Association request to be excused from the hearing filed on August 29, 2016, is granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

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 30th day of August, 2016.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 30th day of August 2016.



Morris L. Woodruff
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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 30, 2016

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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