

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to)
Obtain a Financing Order that Authorizes) **File No. EO-2022-0040**
the Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff)
Bonds for Qualified Extraordinary Costs)

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire)
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to)
Obtain a Financing Order that Authorizes) **File No. EO-2022-0193**
the Issuance of Securitized Utility Tariff)
Bonds for Energy Transition Costs Related)
to the Asbury Plant)

NOTICE REGARDING PROPOSAL TO CONSOLIDATE

Issue Date: March 24, 2022

The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Liberty) has filed two applications to obtain authority to issued securitized utility tariff bonds. The first application, in File No. EO-2022-0040, concerns the recovery of extraordinary Winter Storm Uri costs. The second application, in File No. EO-2022-0193, concerns recovery of energy transition costs related to retirement of the Asbury electric generating plant. In a procedural schedule established by the Commission in File No. EO-2022-0040, the Commission noted a proposal by the parties to consolidate these two cases on the timeline required by statute for the first-filed EO-2022-0040 case. The procedural schedule anticipates the filing of a motion to consolidate on April 25, 2022.

At the procedural conference held on March 1, 2022, the parties indicated they had chosen the April 25 date for filing a motion to consolidate to ensure that any intervening parties in EO-2022-0193 would have an opportunity to be heard on the question of consolidation. The Commission has established April 8, 2022, as the deadline

for the filing of applications to intervene in EO-2022-0193. By that date, the Commission and the parties will be aware of the identity of any prospective intervenors, and the Commission will endeavor to rule promptly on any application to intervene. The Commission encourages the parties to file any motion to consolidate as soon as possible, without necessarily waiting until April 25 to do so.

In addition, the Commission encourages the parties to fully explain the rationale and benefits of consolidation as part of their motion to consolidate. If possible, the parties should provide a dollar-estimate of the costs, benefits, and savings that would result from consolidation of the two files.



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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of March, 2022.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 24th day of March, 2022.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 24, 2022

File/Case No. EO-2022-0040 and EO-2022-0193

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

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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