BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty and Southwest Electric Cooperative for Approval of Amendment to First Territorial Agreement Designating Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas for Each Near the City of Bolivar, Missouri

File No. EO-2025-0188

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND DIRECTING STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 2, 2025

Effective Date: January 2, 2025

On January 2, 2025, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty and Southwest Electric Cooperative (collectively, "Joint Applicants") jointly filed an application seeking Commission approval of an amendment to an existing territorial agreement. Section 394.312.4, RSMo (2016) generally requires that the Commission act on the application no later than 120 days after the application was filed, which will be May 2, 2025. The territory concerned is an exclusive electric service area near the City of Bolivar, Missouri, wholly located within Polk County, Missouri.

The Commission will give notice of this application to other electric service providers, if any, and to the County Commission of Polk County, Missouri. The Staff of the Commission (Staff) will be directed to file a recommendation regarding the application to amend the territorial agreement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice and the Joint Application to other electric service providers in Polk County, if any, and to the County Commission of Polk County.

2. Any entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than January 23, 2025.

3. No later than February 3, 2025, Staff shall file its recommendation in this matter, or a status report.

4. Any entity wishing to request a hearing in this matter shall file an application to do so on or before February 10, 2025.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Riley G. Fewell, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 2nd day of January, 2025.

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 2nd day of January 2025.



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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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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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Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.