

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 Gas) Corp., and) **File No. AO-2017-0360**
Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC for Approval of)
Their Cost Allocation Manual.)

ORDER STAYING PROCEEDING

Issue Date: January 10, 2020

Effective Date: January 10, 2020

The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corp., and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC, all subsidiaries of Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. (jointly Empire), filed an application with the Commission on June 30, 2017, seeking approval of their Cost Allocation Manual (CAM). The parties have continued to negotiate the terms of such CAM and on December 30, 2019, filed a status report and joint motion asking the Commission to stay proceedings in this case.¹

The joint motion explains that the parties continue to discuss the terms of the CAM in light of possible revisions of the Commission's affiliate transactions rules. The parties agree that revisions to the CAM cannot be finalized until revisions of the rules are promulgated.² Therefore, the parties ask the Commission to stay further proceedings in this file until revisions to the affiliate transaction rules have been completed. The Commission will grant that motion.

¹ The parties are Empire, Staff, Public Counsel, and Midwest Energy Consumers Group.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Proceedings in this file are stayed until further order of the Commission.
2. The Commission's Staff shall file a status report by June 30, 2020.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of January, 2020.

² Modification of the Commission's affiliate transaction rules is currently being discussed in three workshop files – WW-2018-0392, AW-2018-0393, and AW-2018-0394.

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 10th day of January 2020.**




Morris L. Woodruff
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,



**Morris L. Woodruff
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