

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Establishment of a)
Working Case Regarding the Membership of) **File No. EW-2021-0104**
Missouri's Investor-Owned Electric Utilities in)
Regional Transmission Organizations)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: July 25, 2022

Effective Date: July 25, 2022

The Commission opened this file on October 14, 2020, as a working case to gather information about the benefits and costs of continued membership by Missouri's investor-owned electric utilities in regional transmission organizations. The Commission's Staff filed a report of its findings on June 11, 2021. In that report, Staff recommended the Commission:

order each electric utility to work with its respective RTO to identify the point in time at which the exit fees applicable to a given utility will reflect the most depreciation for existing projects prior to the inclusion of new projects, and file that information in this docket by December 31, 2021. Additionally, Staff recommends the Commission order each electric utility to provide in this docket, by December 31, 2021, the estimated revenue requirement impact (positive and negative) for each of the next five years of continued RTO participation. Such estimation shall include an explanation of the level of certainty regarding those estimated revenue requirement impacts, and an identification of which costs and benefits would be flown through the Fuel Adjustment Clause.

No stakeholder responded to Staff's report and recommendation, and the Commission did not order the electric utilities to provide the information requested by Staff.

On July 17, 2022, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty filed a motion in File No. EO-2012-0269, asking the Commission to extend its authority to participate in SPP by two years, from August 1, 2022 to August 1, 2024. In its response to Liberty's motion, filed on July 20, 2022, Staff asked the Commission to order Liberty to make the

filings described in Staff's recommendation in File No. EW-2021-0104 by January 31, 2023. The Commission granted Liberty's requested extension on July 21, but indicated it would further address Staff's request in this case.

Before considering whether any electric utility should undertake the studies necessary to provide the information that Staff seeks in its recommendation, the Commission will offer the electric utilities and other stakeholders the opportunity to respond to Staff's recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any stakeholder wishing to respond to the recommendation offered by Staff in its June 11, 2021 Report, as described in the body of this order, shall do so no later than August 25, 2022.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black 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 25th day of July, 2022.

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.P

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 25th day of July, 2022.




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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