

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty's (f/k/a The)
Empire District Electric Company))
Application for an Accounting Authority)
Order Allowing the Electric Utility to)
Record and Preserve Costs Related to)
COVID-19)

File No. EU-2021-0145

ORDER DIRECTING JOINT PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR EVIDENTIARY HEARING

Issue Date: December 3, 2020

Effective Date: December 3, 2020

On September 17, 2020, The Empire District Electric Company applied for accounting authority orders related to COVID-19. On October 19, 2020, the Commission granted the intervention requests of Midwest Energy Consumers Group, the National Housing Trust, and Renew Missouri. On December 2, 2020, the Commission divided the original File Number, AU-2021-0072, filed by The Empire District Electric Company and several affiliate companies, and established the above File Number for The Empire District Electric Company's application only.

In order to expedite the development of a procedural schedule and in light of the current social distancing restrictions, the Commission will direct the parties to jointly propose a procedural schedule.

The Commission requests the parties include the following as part of a proposed procedural schedule leading to an evidentiary hearing:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;
- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and Position Statements at least four days in advance of the hearing;

- At least one settlement conference;
- Allowance for ten business days for transcript preparation;
- An evidentiary hearing held via WebEx.

Any request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than December 23, 2020, the parties shall submit a joint proposed schedule as described in this order.
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

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of December, 2020.

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 3rd day of December, 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
Secretary**

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