



The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty
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REQUEST:

What is the regulatory principle Mr. Reed refers to in his rebuttal testimony on page 3? Provide all documentation that Mr. Reed relied on to form his definition.

RESPONSE:

Sound regulatory policy and principle in electric utility regulation is grounded in the idea that utilities must be regulated in a way that balances public interest, economic efficiency, and fairness. At the heart of sound regulation is the regulatory compact: the idea that utilities are entitled to the opportunity to earn a fair return on their investments in exchange for the obligation to serve all customers reliably and at reasonable rates.