

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

**In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District)
Electric Company, d/b/a Liberty for Authority)
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service) Case No. ER-2024-0261
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area)**

**IBEW LOCAL 1474'S MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM ON-THE-RECORD PROCEEDING
(OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO APPEAR REMOTELY)**

COMES NOW, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union No. 1474 (“Local 1474”), by and through its undersigned counsel, Blake & Uhlig, P.A., and respectfully submits this Motion to Be Excused from On-the-Record Proceeding (or in the alternative Motion to Appear Remotely). In support thereof, Local 1474 states as follows:

1. On December 23, 2025, the Commission ordered that “[t]he parties and their witnesses shall appear at an on-the-record proceeding to respond to Commission questions and cross-examination regarding the Supplemental Stipulation and the Global Stipulation and the interplay between them on January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. [Dkt. 610].
2. The Commission stated that “[t]he proceeding will consist of the parties’ witnesses addressing questions from the Commission and will not include opening statements. Parties should bring their witnesses that are able to testify regarding the specific provisions of the Supplemental Stipulation and the Global Stipulation and the interplay between them . . .” *Id.*
3. Local 1474 is not signatory, nor did it object to the above-referenced Supplemental Stipulation. [Dkt. 598]. Local 1474 does not have witnesses in this case, and thus, will not have witnesses to testify or address questions from the Commission at the January 7 proceeding.
4. Accordingly, Local 1474 requests that it be excused from the on-the-record proceeding scheduled for January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
5. If Local 1474’s request to be excused is not granted, in the alternative, Local 1474 requests

that attorney Garrison R. Howell be permitted to appear remotely at the on-the-record proceeding scheduled for January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

WHEREFORE, Local 1474 submits this Motion and respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order granting its request to be excused from the on-the-record proceeding scheduled for January 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. If said request is not granted, in the alternative, Local 1474 respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order permitting attorney Garrison R. Howell to appear remotely.

Dated: December 30, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 30th day of December 2025, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record, and I further certify that the above document was sent by electronic transmission to all counsel of record.

/s/ Garrison R. Howell
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