

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

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company d/b/a)
Liberty for a Certificate of Convenience) **Case No. EA-2025-0299**
and Necessity to Support Resource)
Adequacy)

**ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR PROPOSED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND RECOMMENDATION ON APPLICATION**

Issue Date: March 13, 2026

Effective Date: March 13, 2026

On December 30, 2025, the Commission directed its Staff to file a recommendation on the above-referenced application, or a status report, no later than March 16, 2026. On March 5, 2026, the Commission directed Staff to file, on behalf of all parties, a joint proposed procedural schedule on or before March 16, 2026.

On March 12, 2026, Staff filed a *Status Report and Motion to Extend Deadline for Proposed Procedural Schedule*, stating that The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty advised Staff that it intended to file supplemental direct testimony on that date. With that in mind, Staff requested additional time to review that filing, possibly conduct additional discovery based on the filing, and consider the sequencing of further proceedings. Liberty did, in fact, subsequently file supplemental direct testimony on March 12, 2026.

The Commission finds Staff's request reasonable and will allow additional time for the parties to file a joint proposed procedural schedule. Moreover, the Commission will grant Staff the option to file rebuttal testimony in lieu of a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Additional time is granted for the parties to confer, and for Staff to file on behalf of all parties, a joint proposed procedural schedule. Staff shall file a joint proposed procedural schedule no later than March 30, 2026. If the parties cannot agree on a proposed procedural schedule, any party wishing to propose a procedural schedule shall do so no later than March 30, 2026.

2. No later than March 30, 2026, Staff shall file a recommendation on Liberty's application. Alternatively, Staff may make the filing of a recommendation or the filing of rebuttal testimony part of the joint proposed procedural schedule.

3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 13th day of March, 2026.

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 13th day of March 2026.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 13, 2026

File/Case No. EA-2025-0299

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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