

**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 and Southwest Electric)
Cooperative for Approval of a Written)
Territorial Agreement Designating the)
Boundaries of Exclusive Service Areas for)
each Near the Southern Boundary of the)
City of Strafford, Missouri)

Case No. EO-2026-0239

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING INTERVENTION
DEADLINE**

Issue Date: March 18, 2026

Effective Date: March 18, 2026

On March 16, 2026, Southwest Electric Cooperative (Southwest) filed a notice with the Commission that it was terminating its territorial agreement with The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty effective at the end of the territorial agreement’s current term on May 25, 2027.

The Commission approved the territorial agreement in Case No. EO-2002-1119, effective September 6, 2002. Under that territorial agreement, Liberty provides service to an exclusive area outside the city limits of Strafford, Missouri, while Southwest serves an exclusive area inside the Strafford city limits.

The Commission will direct its Data Center to send notice of Southwest’s termination notice filing. The Commission will also set a deadline for any applications to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Data Center shall send a copy of this order to the County Commission of Greene County, Missouri.

2. Liberty is made a party to this case and the Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order to Liberty.

3. Applications for intervention shall be filed no later than April 7, 2026. Any such filing shall be submitted through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or delivered to:

Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

4. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th 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 18th day of March 2026.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 18, 2026

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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**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.