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THE APPLICATION OF THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

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Company, The Empire District)
Gas Company, Liberty Utilities) File No. AO-2018-0179
(Midstates Natural Gas) Corp.,)
and Liberty Utilities (Missouri)
Water) LLC for an Affiliate)
Transactions Rule Variance)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding,
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good afternoon. We are on the record. This is the pre-hearing conference in File No. AO-2018-0179 in the Matter of the Application of The Empire District Electric Company, The Empire District Gas Company, Liberty Utilities (Midstates Natural Gas) Corporation, and Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water), LLC for an Affiliate Transactions Rule Variance.

I'm Ron Pridgin. I am the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to preside over this pre-hearing. It's being held April 12, 2018 at the Governor's Office Building and the time is approximately one o'clock in the afternoon.

If I could get verbal entries of appearance from counsel, please, beginning with Staff.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Judge. Mark Johnson and Steve Dottheim appearing on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Dottheim, thank you. On behalf of Empire District Electric Company and, I guess, all the other companies as well.

MS. CARTER: Yes. On behalf of all the applicants. Diana Carter with Bryden, Swearngen & England, 212 East Capital Avenue, Jefferson City,

1 Missouri.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Carter, thank you. On
3 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, please.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams and I've
5 provided my information to the court reporter.

6 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Williams, thank you. And
7 I don't recall any applications to intervene or any
8 other parties, but just in case, have I overlooked
9 anyone?

10 All right. Hearing nothing.

11 I don't think I have any pending motions
12 before me or orders and I don't think that I had set
13 any sort of response time after this pre-hearing. I
14 think traditionally, the Commission had requested some
15 sort of pleadings from the parties about a week after a
16 pre-hearing conference and I'm not in any particular
17 hurry, necessarily. If you need more time, that's
18 fine. But if I don't hear otherwise, would some sort
19 of pleading or pleadings from the parties in roughly a
20 week be enough time for you to kind of let me know
21 where you think this case -- where the Commission
22 should go with this?

23 I'm seeing some nods. Okay.

24 And you have this room until three o'clock.
25 And it sounds like you also have alternative

1 arrangements for another conference room if you need to
2 talk to others on the phone.

3 Is there anything else counsel needs from me
4 before we go off the record?

5 Seeing no.

6 All right. Otherwise, I will expect some
7 sort of pleading or pleadings a week from today, which
8 would be April 19th. Anything else from counsel before
9 we conclude.

10 All right. Thank you. We are off the
11 record.

12 (Record was closed at 1:04 p.m.)
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