BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Application for Approval of New or Modified Tariffs for Service to Large Load Customers	))))	**Case No. ET-2026-0184**

APPLICANT'S PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, and having been unable to reach agreement with the other parties as to a procedural schedule for this case, hereby submits its own *Proposed Procedural Schedule* as follows:

1. Liberty proposes the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:

EVENT	DATE
Direct Testimony	September 11, 2026
Prehearing Conference	October 14, 2026
Settlement/Technical Conference No. 1	November 4, 2026
Settlement/Technical Conference No. 2	November 13, 2026
Settlement/Technical Conference No. 3	TO BE DETERMINED
Settlement/Technical Conference No. 4 (if needed)	January 7, 2027
Settlement Filing Deadline	January 15, 2027
Staff Recommendation/ Rebuttal & Intervenor Rebuttal	January 15, 2027
Settlement Hearing (if necessary)	January 20, 2027
Surrebuttal & Cross-Surrebuttal (All Parties)	January 29, 2027
Last Day to Request Discovery	January 29, 2027
List of Issues, Order of Witnesses	February 2, 2027
Position Statements	February 9, 2027
Commission Decision on Settlement (if applicable)	February 10, 2027
Evidentiary Hearing	February 16, 2027 – February 19, 2027
Initial Briefs	February 26, 2027
Reply Briefs	March 5, 2027
Requested Commission Decision	March 12, 2027

2. Given the volume of proceedings scheduled to occur prior to years' end, Liberty is amenable to setting a Rebuttal testimony date in early of mid-January 2027. Accordingly, this schedule is more extended than its initial request for a Commission decision in this proceeding by the end of January 2027. The Company recognizes that its proposed procedural schedule is more expedited than the schedules likely to be proposed by other parties in this proceeding. However, because the Company is pursuing time-sensitive opportunities within its service territory, it must seek a reasonably expedited schedule to avoid jeopardizing those opportunities through unnecessary delay in this case.

3. Liberty proposes the Commission order the parties to comply with the following procedural requirements:

A. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

B. Workpapers that were prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony should not be filed with the Commission but should be submitted to each party on the same day as the filing of the particular testimony without further request. Workpapers containing confidential information should be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel within the time period for

providing workpapers if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.

C. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, if available in the original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

D. Except as specifically ordered, all filings made through the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) will be timely filed if filed before midnight on the date the filing is due. Documents filed in EFIS are considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail essentially contemporaneously with the EFIS filing.

E. Direct testimony shall be pre-filed as defined in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130. All parties must comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.

F. Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, the order of party cross-examination for each witness, and the order of

opening statements. The list of issues shall be stated with particularity. If the parties are unable to agree to an issues list, each party shall file a separate issues list.

G. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue. Position statements shall track the list of issues. Any position statement shall set forth any order requested, cite any law authorizing that relief, and allege facts relevant under that law with citations to any pre-filed testimony in support.

H. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the unresolved issues that the parties believe require decision by the Commission.

I. All parties shall bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it must bring, in addition to the copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

J. Exhibit numbers are assigned in the following manner:

Liberty 1-99

Commission Staff 100-199

Office of the Public Counsel 200-299

Google, LLC 300-399

Midwest Energy Consumers Group 400-499

Renew Missouri 500-599

K. The response time for all data requests shall be twenty (20) calendar days, with ten (10) calendar days to object or notify the requesting party that more than twenty (20) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

WHEREFORE, Liberty moves the Commission to adopt the Procedural Schedule and other procedural requirements herein stated; and requests such other and further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent by electronic mail to all parties of record this 30th day of October, 2026.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson