BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty's Application for Approval of New or Modified Tariffs for Service to Large Load Customers	))))	**File No. ET-2026-0184** Tracking No. JE-2027-0036

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through undersigned counsel, on behalf of itself, the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri"), Google LLC ("Google") and Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG") (collectively, the "Movants"), and for this *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* respectfully states as follows:

1. On September 11, 2026, Liberty filed an application and supporting testimony requesting approval of a large load customer rate plan, associate tariffs, a variance, and authorization to track revenues (the "Application").

2. On September 14, 2026, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, A Staff Pleading, Setting an Intervention Deadline, and Suspending Tariff*, which set an October 12, 2026, deadline for applications to intervene and for Staff to file a pleading indicating when it can file a recommendation regarding the Application.

3. On October 9, 2026, Staff filed *a Status Report and Request for Prehearing Conference Commission Order*, requesting that the Commission schedule a Prehearing Conference, where the date by which Staff may file its Staff Recommendation will be discussed and included in a future procedural schedule or a similar schedule with proposed dates for filing of testimony.

4. On October 12, 2026, Renew Missouri filed an Application to Intervene.

5. On October 12, 2026, Google filed an Application to Intervene.

6. On October 12, 2026, MECG filed an Application to Intervene.

7. On October 13, 2026, Geronimo Power, LLC ("Geronimo") filed an Application to Intervene Out-of-Time. On October 15, 2026, Geronimo filed a notice of withdrawal, indicating that Geronimo has determined it will not participate as an intervenor in the proceeding.

8. On October 15, 2026, the Commission entered its *Order Setting WebEx Procedural Conference*, setting a Procedural Conference on October 16, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

9. The Procedural Conference was held on October 16, 2026, and also on October 16, 2026, the Commission issued its *Notice of Rulings at Procedural Conference* (the "October Order").

10. The October Order states that the Regulatory Law Judge granted the intervention applications of Renew Missouri, Google, and MECG. Additionally, the parties were granted until October 30, 2026, to file a proposed procedural schedule.

11. In accordance with the October Order, the Movants hereby submit this Proposed *Procedural Schedule*:

Event	**Date**
Application and Testimony	September 11, 2026
Conference #1	November 4, 2026
Conference #2	November 19, 2026
Conference #3	January 7, 2027
Staff Rec / Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal	February 4, 2027
Surrebuttal and Cross -Surrebuttal (all parties)	March 19, 2027

Last Day to Notice a Deposition	April 5, 2027
Settlement Conference[1]	April 6-7, 2027
List of Issues	April 9, 2027
Last Day to Request Discovery[2]	April 9, 2027
Position Statements	April 16, 2027
Evidentiary Hearing	April 26-30, 2027
Initial Briefs	June 4, 2027
Reply Briefs	June 18, 2027

12. The Movants request that the Commission adopt the following procedures regarding discovery:

a. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record 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 are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.

b. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

c. 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 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, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The parties recognize that the Commission may view any issue not contained in this list of issues to be uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.

d. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance

[1] This date is scheduled to encourage settlement discussions in an attempt to resolve the case and/or narrow the issues but does not impose an obligation on any party to participate in settlement discussions.
[2] Last day to propound data requests.

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 proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

e. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS"), if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from each other party serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.

f. Upon the approval of this procedural schedule by the Commission, the response time for all data requests shall be 10 business days, and 5 business days to object or notify that more than 10 business days will be needed to provide the requested information. Data requests sent after 5:00 pm will be considered served on the next business day. The Commission may rule on discovery motions filed after Staff's Recommendation/Rebuttal and Intervenor Rebuttal is filed without holding the conference required by 20 CSR 4240- 2.090(8)(B).

g. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within 2 business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony.

h. 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 or outputs, if available in that 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.

i. Documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail.

j. The Parties request expedited transcripts for the evidentiary hearing, with transcripts to be filed in EFIS no later than five business days after the last day of the evidentiary hearing.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully proposes this procedural schedule on behalf of the Movants and requests the Commission issue an order establishing a procedural schedule in accordance with the above proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to all parties and/or counsel of record as reflected on the certified service list maintained by the Commission in its Electronic Filing Information System this 30th day of October, 2026.

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