BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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| 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** |

## RESPONSE TO JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

**COMES NOW** The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, respectfully states as follows:

1. Liberty has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule filed by Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri"), Google LLC ("Google") and Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG") (collectively, the "Intervenors"). Liberty appreciates the work of the Intervenors in proposing a schedule but would reiterate its request for a more expedited proceeding.

2. Liberty recognizes and appreciates that the Commission is currently considering and processing numerous important dockets. However, as explained in Liberty's Proposed Procedural Schedule, the Company is pursuing time-sensitive opportunities within its service territory and, therefore, requires a reasonably expedited schedule to avoid jeopardizing those opportunities.

3. Liberty has facilitated the parties' review of this matter by scheduling technical conferences and providing timely responses to data requests. Liberty appreciates the Intervenors' willingness to participate in these conferences, which will enable a thorough review of the case and may assist the parties in reaching a timely settlement.

**WHEREFORE,** Liberty moves the Commission to adopt its proposed Procedural Schedule, or another similarly-timed schedule, and other procedural requirements in its filing for a proposed Procedural Schedule; 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 6th day of November, 2026.

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