

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company, Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and)
Liberty Sub Corp. Concerning an Agreement and)
Plan of Merger and Certain Related Transactions)

File No. EM-2016-0213

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING

Issue Date: August 29, 2016

Effective Date: August 29, 2016

On August 26, 2016, the Commission issued an order setting an on-the-record proceeding for August 30, 2016, regarding stipulations and agreements filed by certain parties. On August 26, 2016, counsel for the Empire District SERP Retirees and Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association requested to be excused from appearing at that proceeding. The Commission finds the request reasonable and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Empire District SERP Retirees and Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association's Motion to be Excused From Hearing filed on August 26, 2016, is granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of August, 2016.