# THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

Before Commissioners:	Andrew J. French, Chairperson Dwight D. Keen Annie Kuether	
In the Matter of the Application of District Electric Company Filing Liberty Utilities for the Storm True-Up.	g Tariff to its	Docket No. 25-EPDE-582-TAR

### **SUSPENSION ORDER: FEBRUARY 25, 2026**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for consideration. Having reviewed and being advised in the matter, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

- 1. On June 30, 2025, Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty submitted its Storm Uri Recovery Rider annual true-up pursuant to the Commission's June 1, 2023, Order in Docket No. 21-EPDE-330-GIE.<sup>1</sup>
  - 2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate, joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

3. A full investigation of the application is found to be necessary and proper. Without suspension, the Commission and its Staff lack sufficient time to fully review and consider whether approval of the application will result in just and reasonable rates.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application for Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (Jun. 30, 2025).

4. Suspension of the application's effective date is required to allow sufficient time for a full investigation of this matter.

## THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the application in the above-captioned docket, and the effective date therein, shall be suspended 240 days, until Wednesday, February 25, 2026, subject to further action by the Commission.

B. Electronic service shall be utilized for serving pleading/motions and orders.

C. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established by K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).<sup>2</sup>

#### BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 07/15/2025	
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Celeste Chaney-Tucker Executive Director

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-531(b).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true co	by of the attached Order	has been served to the	e following by means of
electronic service on 07/15/2025	·		

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