

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 The Empire    )  
District Electric Company for Authorization to    )  
Issue up to \$400 Million of Long-Term Debt to    ) Docket No. 26-EPDE-131-SEC  
Liberty Utilities Co. to Repay Short-Term        )  
Intercompany Borrowings and for Other        )  
Corporate Purposes.                                    )

**ORDER ASSESSING COSTS**

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes the following:

1.      The Commission is authorized to assess the expenses of a proceeding, opened upon its own motion, on complaint, or upon an application to it, if the expenses attributable to the investigation exceed the sum of \$100.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, if the \$100 threshold is met in this matter, the Commission will assess these expenses against Empire District Electric Company.

2.      Expenses attributable to this docket shall be assessed beginning three (3) days after the notice of assessment is given by service of this Order. Empire District Electric Company is hereby notified that it has the right to request a hearing regarding this assessment in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedure act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et*

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<sup>1</sup> K.S.A. 66-1502 and 66-1513.

*seq.*<sup>2</sup>

**THEREFORE THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

- A. Empire District Electric Company is assessed the costs of this proceeding.
- B. 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>3</sup>
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

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

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 11/04/2025



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Celeste Chaney-Tucker  
Executive Director

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<sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 66-1502.

<sup>3</sup> K.S.A. 66-1502; K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-503(c); K.S.A. 77-513(b).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 11/04/2025.

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