

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Joint Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company, Liberty)
Sub Corp. and Liberty Utilities (Central) Co.) Docket No. 16-EPDE-410-ACQ
for Approval of an Agreement and Plan of)
Merger and for Other Related Relief)

JOINT MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

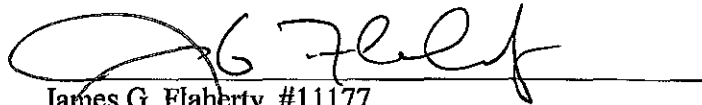
The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), Liberty Sub Corp. ("LSC"), Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. ("LUC"), the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively) and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayers Board ("CURB"), collectively referred to as the "Parties," request the Commission grant this Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule ("Joint Motion"). In support of the Joint Motion, the Parties state as follows:

1. On March 16, 2016, Empire, LSC and LUC (collectively, "Joint Applicants") filed an application with the Commission for approval of an agreement and plan of merger and for other related relief.
2. On May 10, 2016, the Commission granted intervention in this matter to CURB.
3. The Parties have discussed a proposed procedural schedule in this docket and were able to reach agreement on a schedule that could be recommended to the Commission for its review and approval. The Parties also discussed with Assistant General Counsel, Dustin Kirk, the proposed procedural schedule.
4. The Parties' proposed procedural schedule is as follows:

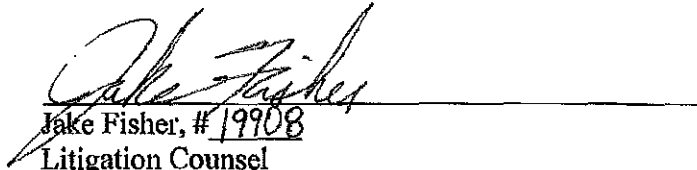
July 15, 2016	Technical Conference
September 29, 2016	Staff and Intervenor Direct Testimony
October 6, 2016	Staff and Intervenor Cross Testimony
October 20, 2016	Rebuttal Testimony
October 25, 2016	Settlement Conference
October 31, 2016	Settlement Agreement Due
November 4, 2016	Testimony in Support of Settlement
November 4, 2016	Testimony Opposing Settlement Due
November 17, 2016	Prehearing Conference

November 29 - December 1, 2016 Evidentiary Hearing
December 9, 2016 Simultaneous Briefs Due
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WHEREFORE, the Parties request the Commission issue an Order approving the proposed procedural schedule set forth herein.



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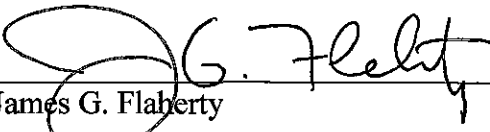
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

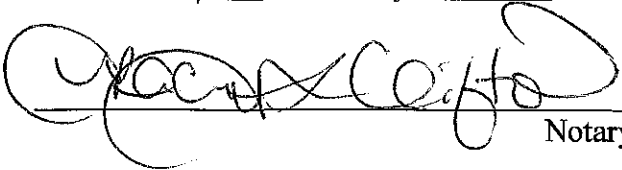
James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says he is attorney for Joint Applicants above named; that he has read the above and foregoing Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule; and the statements contained therein are true.



James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 1st day of June, 2016.





Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivery, or electronically, this 15th day of June, 2016, addressed to:

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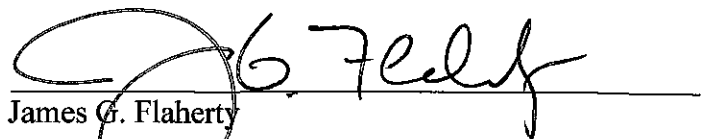
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