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On February 9, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) (NYSE: EDE) announced that it has entered into an agreement and plan of merger to which Liberty Utilities Co., a subsidiary of Algonquin Power & Utilities Corp. (APUC) (TSX: AQN), will indirectly acquire Empire and its subsidiaries.

On January 1, 2017, the acquisition of Empire by Liberty Utilities Co. was completed.

In compliance with FERC's affiliate restrictions under 18 C.F.R. § 35.39, Empire and its subsidiaries will treat APUC and its subsidiaries as affiliates.