

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

In the Matter of the Empire District)
Electric Company’s Request for Authority) **File No. ER-2016-0023**
To Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Electric Service)

**MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY’S
SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL**

COMES NOW Brian Bear and hereby enters his appearance as attorney for the Missouri Department of Economic Development (“DED”) – Division of Energy (“DE”).¹ Alexander Antal, currently designated as attorney of record for DE, hereby withdraws.

Please forward all future filings, orders, and correspondence in this case to Brian Bear at the address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ The Division of Energy was transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Economic Development on August 29, 2013 by Executive Order 13-03. The Order transfers “[A]ll authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to the Missouri Department of Economic Development...”

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been emailed to the certified service list this 28th day of February, 2017.

/s/ Brian Bear