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Case No. EM-2018-0012

MOTION FOR EXCUSAL OF ASSOCIATED COUNSEL

Attached please find the Federal Executive Agencies (FEA) Motion Associated Counsel Excusal. Copies have been served to all parties on the attached Certificate of Service. Please place this document on file.

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1. On January 23, 2018, The Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri granted the petitions of Major Andrew J. Unsicker and Thomas A. Jernigan for leave to appear and participate as counsel for the Federal Executive Agencies (FEA). Additionally, the Commission approved FEA's application to intervene out of time.

2. The FEA¹, by and through counsel, respectfully request that Maj Thomas Schmidt, a Missouri attorney in active status and in good standing (MO Bar Number 59700), be excused, pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 9.03(a)(3)(c), from appearing in all proceedings and participating in all filings pertaining to the above referenced Docket.

2. The Utility Law Field Support Center (ULFSC), located at Tyndall AFB, FL, consists of the following attorneys responsible for representing FEAs interests in this Proceeding: Maj Andrew J. Unsicker, ULFSC Chief and Mr. Thomas A. Jernigan, Utility Litigation Attorney.

3. Maj Thomas Schmidt is not a member of the ULSFC but is employed as an Air Force Attorney at 932 AW/JA at Scott Air Force Base Illinois. Maj Schmidt's involvement within this docket is limited to providing *pro hac vice* sponsorship for Maj Unsicker and Mr. Jernigan.

¹ FEA includes all federal agencies of the United States Government that have offices, facilities, and installations, including Whiteman Air Force Base, and that receive service from the Utility.

4. FEA respectfully moves that Maj Thomas Schmidt be excused from appearing on behalf of FEA in all proceedings and filings pertaining to Docket No. EM-2018-0012.

Respectfully submitted, on 28th day of February, 2018.

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