

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Gas)
Company's d/b/a Liberty Request to File) **File No. GR-2021-0320**
Tariffs to Change its Rates for Natural Gas) Tracking No. YG-2022-0040
Service)

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Issue Date: September 9, 2021

Effective Date: September 9, 2021

On September 9, 2021, Ronald John Ritchie petitioned the Commission for leave to appear and participate in this matter pro hac vice pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C). His Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice (motion) states that he is Director, Legal and Regulatory Affairs, at Liberty Utilities and wishes to serve as co-counsel for The Empire District Gas Company. It states that he is a member of the Bar in good standing in the state of Massachusetts; has never been the subject of disciplinary proceedings; and is not admitted to practice law in Missouri.

Mr. Ritchie's motion states that neither he nor any other attorney at Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. is disqualified to appear before the Commission or the courts of Massachusetts. It states that he has paid the fee to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court required by Supreme Court Rule 6.01(m) and is associated in this matter with Missouri attorney James M. Fischer, whom Mr. Ritchie designates as associate counsel, and who Mr. Ritchie states is entering his appearance on behalf of Liberty in this file. The Commission finds that Mr. Fischer has done so. Mr. Ritchie states that he agrees to abide by the rules of the Commission, including all disciplinary rules, and notify the Commission immediately of any matter affecting his standing at the bar of any court.

The Commission finds that the motion is accompanied by proof in compliance with 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01. The Commission finds that the Motion complies with the requirements of 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rule 9.03. The Commission will grant the Motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion for leave to appear pro hac vice described in the body of this order is granted.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of September, 2021.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 9th day of September, 2021.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

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