BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

WILLIAM L. GEHRS, JR.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	Case No. EC-2018-0033
vs.)	
)	
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC)	
COMPANY,)	
Respondent.)	

JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COME NOW Complainant and Respondent, by respective Counsel, and for their Motion for Extension of Time state as follows:

- 1. On December 29, 2017, the Commission entered an "Order Setting Initial Procedural Schedule."
- 2. That Order set March 15, 2018, as the deadline for "Notice of Settlement or Amended Procedural Schedule including a hearing date."
- 3. The parties have had significant scheduling difficulties but have set a settlement conference for March 15, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.
- 4. The parties request that the original March 15, 2018, deadline be extended to April 16, 2018.
- 5. The purpose for such request is not for any unnecessary delay in adjudicating this matter, and the parties are in agreement that such request would be beneficial to all involved.

Respectfully submitted,

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