BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company of Joplin, Missouri for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri Service Area of the Company

Case No. ER-2012-0345

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW the Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("Applicants" or "MECG"), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(18) of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and, and for its Amendment to its Application to Intervene respectfully states as follows:

1. On the morning of July 23, 2012, MECG filed its Application to Intervene in the above-captioned docket. In paragraph 1 of that Application, MECG noted that "the members of MECG are Tyson Foods, and Tamko Building Products, Inc."

2. 4 CSR 240-2.080(18) provides that "[a]ny pleading may be amended within ten (10) days of filing, unless a responsive pleading has already been filed, or at any time by leave of the commission. To date, no pleading has been filed responding to the MECG Application. Therefore, amendment is appropriate and permitted.

3. Shortly after filing its Application, counsel was notified of the addition of another party to the MECG group for this case. As such, paragraph 1 of the Application should now read:

The Midwest Energy Consumers Group is an unincorporated association of large users of electricity. Relevant to the immediate proceeding, MECG consists of large users of electricity taking service from Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"). Included in the members of MECG are <u>Wal-Mart Stores East, LP., Sam's East, Inc.,</u> Tyson Foods, and Tamko Building Products, Inc. MECG anticipates that it may add additional members in the near future and will notify the Commission at such time as those members become known. (emphasis to reflect amendment).

WHEREFORE, MECG respectfully request that the Commission recognize the foregoing amendment and grant intervention to MECG as reflected in its Application to Intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by email, facsimile or First Class United States Mail to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.

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Dated: July 23, 2012