

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

In the Matter of the Propriety of the)
Rate Schedules for Electric Service of) Case No. ER-2018-0228
The Empire District Electric Company)

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF
THE MIDWEST ENERGY CONSUMERS GROUP**

COMES NOW the Midwest Energy Consumers Group (“Applicants” or “MECG”), pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 of the Missouri Public Service Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure and the Commission’s February 21, 2018 *Order Opening Rate Case, Directing Notice, Establishing Time to Intervene, and Requiring Company to Show Cause Why Its Rates Should Not Be Adjusted*, and for its Application to Intervene respectfully states as follows:

1. The Midwest Energy Consumers Group is an incorporated association of large commercial and industrial users of electricity. The matters to be considered in this case and the Commission’s determinations thereon, could have a direct and significant impact on the cost of electric service of MECG members.

2. Granting this proposed intervention to the Applicants would serve the public interest and would assist the Commission in development of a more complete record. Indeed, MECG has been granted intervention and participated fully in several recent Empire rate proceedings.

3. As large user customers of Empire, the Applicants have a direct and immediate interest in these proceedings that is different from that of the general public. While Applicants do not at this time have sufficient information to assert a position on this investigation, they reserve the right to assert positions after they have had an

adequate opportunity to examine the record, and any documentation of other parties filed herein.

4. Correspondence and communications regarding this application, including service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, having stated the grounds for intervention and the position and interest of the Applicants in these proceedings, Applicants ask that the Commission grant this Application for Intervention, and thereby entitle said Applicants to have notice of and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard in person or by counsel on the argument, and in all other respects to be made parties to this proceeding.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Woodsmall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David L. Woodsmall

Dated: March 5, 2018