BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

File No. ER-2021-0312

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF RENEW MISSOURI

COMES NOW, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri"), and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, applies to intervene in the above case. For its Application, Renew Missouri states:

1. Renew Missouri is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Missouri with its principal place of business at 409 Vandiver, Building 5, Suite 205, Columbia, Missouri 65202. Renew Missouri is a registered fictitious name of Renew Missouri Advocates under § 417.200, RSMo. Renew Missouri is a non-profit policy group whose mission is to transform Missouri into a leading state in renewable energy and energy efficiency.

2. As advocates for renewable energy and energy efficiency policy in Missouri, Renew Missouri's interests are different than those of the general public and may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this case.

3. Granting Renew Missouri intervention will serve the public interest by assisting the Commission's record for decision in this case, and no party will be adversely affected by such intervention.

4. Renew Missouri has not yet taken a position in this case.

5. Pleadings, notices and other correspondence in this case should be directed to undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, Renew Missouri respectfully requests that the Commission grant this *Application to Intervene*, along with any further relief the Commission deems proper.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 11th day of June 2021:

/s/ Tim Opitz