

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

In the Matter of the Request of The)
Empire District Electric Company)
d/b/ Liberty for Authority to File)
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)
Service Provided to Customers)
in its Missouri Service Area)

Case No. ER-2021-0312

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL

COMES NOW Whitney Payne, Senior Counsel, and hereby respectfully requests leave to withdraw as counsel for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) in the above-captioned matter. Effective December 17, 2021, I resigned my position in Staff Counsel's Office. The Commission's Staff will continue to be represented by a member of the Staff Counsel's office assigned to this case.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully submit this *Motion for Leave to Withdraw as Counsel* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 22nd day of December, 2021, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne