

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

In the Matter of the Application of The)	
Empire District Electric, et al., for an)	File No. AO-2018-0179
Affiliate Transactions Rule Variance)	

MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COME NOW the Applicants, and, for their Motion for Expedited Treatment, respectfully state as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. The Applicants filed their Motion for Clarification, or, To the Extent Required, Motion for Relief herein on May 23, 2019, with regard to 76 data requests served by OPC on May 22, 2019.
2. OPC contends that objections to the 76 data requests are due tomorrow, May 25, and that responses are due by Monday, May 27. As such, the Applicants request a ruling on their Motion for Clarification, or, To the Extent Required, Motion for Relief by 5:00 p.m. today.
3. The Applicants filed their Motion for Clarification, or, To the Extent Required, Motion for Relief as quickly as possible after receiving OPC’s data requests. Immediately upon receiving the data requests, counsel for the Applicants sent an email to OPC regarding the due dates for objections and responses. On the same day, counsel for the Applicants called OPC and discussed the dispute by telephone. Also on the same day, counsel for the Applicants asked the Administrative Law Judge in the case to schedule a discovery conference to address the dispute.
4. The discovery conference was to take place on May 23, 2019. The Administrative Law Judge informed the parties, however, that the destruction from the recent storms prevented the conference from taking place and informed the parties that they could

proceed with filing discovery motions. Counsel for the Applicants promptly filed the Motion for Clarification, or, To the Extent Required, Motion for Relief. This Motion for Expedited Treatment is also being filed as quickly as possible, and no harm will result to any party if this Motion for Expedited Treatment is granted.

WHEREFORE, the Applicants request an expedited order of the Commission directing that the Commission's rule on data request response times is applicable to the data requests served by OPC on May 22, 2019, and is otherwise applicable to data requests served in this proceeding. The Applicants request such other and further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 24th day of May, 2019, with notification of the same being sent to all parties of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter