

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company's submission of)
Its Interim Report Regarding Participation) Case No. EO-2012-0269
In the Southwest Power Pool, Inc.)

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (“SPP”), by and through its attorneys, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075 applies to intervene in the above-entitled matter. In support of its application, SPP states as follows:

1. SPP is a not-for-profit corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arkansas. The address of SPP’s principal office is 415 North McKinley, Suite 140, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205-3020.

2. SPP is a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission approved Regional Transmission Organization.

3. Correspondence, communications, orders and the decision in this matter should be addressed to:

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4. This case arose when The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed its Interim Report Regarding Participation in SPP with the Commission wherein Empire requested that the Commission grant an order approving the continued participation of Empire in SPP beyond January 31, 2014.

5. Empire obtained the Commission's authority to transfer to SPP conditional and interim functional control of certain transmission assets in Case No. EO-2006-0141. The authority was granted by the Commission as a result of its approval of a Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation). This case involves Empire's authority to remain a member of SPP through the extension of its transfer of functional control of its transmission assets to SPP.

6. SPP was a party to Case No. EO-2006-0141 and a signatory to the Stipulation. As such, SPP has an interest in the case which is different from the interest of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case. SPP desires to participate fully in this proceeding including hearing and the briefing of the issues.

7. SPP supports Empire's request in this case.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Southwest Power Pool, Inc. respectfully requests that the Commission grant its Application to Intervene in this matter, and thereby entitle SPP to have notice and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses and to be heard on the argument, and in all other respects fully participate in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent via e-mail on this 11th day of May, 2012, to all parties of record.

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