

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

WILLIAM L. GEHRS, Jr.,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Case No. EC-2018-0033
vs.	)	
	)	
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC	)	
COMPANY,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF BOB HIGGINBOTHAM**

**COMES NOW** Bob Higginbotham, by and through counsel, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075, and applies to intervene and become a party in the above-referenced case and in support of his Application to Intervene states as follows:

1. Bob Higginbotham is a Missouri resident residing in the City of Joplin, Missouri. Bob Higginbotham owns a multiunit property without a separate meter located at 839 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Joplin, Missouri, 64801. The multiunit property receives its electric service from Empire District Electric Company ("Empire").

2. On July 31, 2017, William Gehrs, Jr. filed a Complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission alleging Empire is not rendering bills to multiunit residential properties in Joplin, Missouri, in accordance with its approved tariff.

3. Bob Higginbotham states, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.075(2), that he supports the relief sought by the Complaint.

4. As a customer, Bob Higginbotham has an interest in rates and billing practices at issue in this proceeding.

5. As an owner of a multiunit property in Joplin, Missouri, Bob Higginbotham's interest is different than that of the general public and may be affected by the outcome of this case.

6. As required by 4 CSR 240-2.075(10), Bob Higginbotham accepts the record established in this case, including the requirements of all orders of the Commission, as of the date of this filing.

7. No party will be prejudiced by Bob Higginbotham's intervention in this case.

8. Correspondence, communications, orders and decisions in this matter should be addressed to:

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**WHEREFORE**, for the foregoing reasons, Intervenor Bob Higginbotham respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Application to Intervene in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing pleading has been served by electronic means on all parties of record as reflected in the records maintained by the Secretary of the Commission through the EFIS system.

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