

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

In the Matter of the Request of The Empire     )  
District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for     )  
Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for     )     **File No. ER-2021-0312**  
Electric Service Provided to Customers in     )  
its Missouri Service Area                             )

**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE  
OF JAMES G. FLAHERTY**

COMES NOW James G. Flaherty, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(n) and 9.03, and petitions the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for leave to appear *pro hac vice* and participate in the above-captioned matter as co-counsel for The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty. In support of this petition, I respectfully state the following:

1. I am employed by Anderson & Byrd, LLP, a law firm with a business address of 216 S. Hickory, P.O. Box 17, Ottawa, KS 66067.

2. I am a member in good standing of the Kansas Bar and I am authorized to practice before all courts within that jurisdiction. My bar number is 11177, and I was admitted to the bar on September 24, 1982.

3. I am also admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Kansas and the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

4. I am not under suspension or disbarment in any state, and to the best of my knowledge, no other attorney employed by and practicing at Anderson & Byrd, LLP is disqualified to appear before any court.

5. I agree to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in Missouri Supreme Court Rule 4 and acknowledge that I am subject to discipline by the courts of this State

so long as I am practicing in this State.

6. For the duration of the above-captioned matter, I agree to associate myself with the following attorneys:

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and

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Ms. Carter and Mr. Cooper are resident attorneys and members in good standing of the Missouri Bar. They will continue to also serve as counsel for The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty in this matter.

7. Pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(n), a fee of \$410.00 has been paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court as shown in the attached receipt.

**WHEREFORE**, I request an Order from the Commission granting leave to appear *pro hac vice* and participate as co-counsel for The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ James G. Flaherty  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Coey", is written above a horizontal line.

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*This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$410 as required by Rule 6.01(n) for James G. Flaherty, appearing in In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area, Case No. ER-2021-0312, before the Missouri Public Service Commission.*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy AuBuchon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "B".

Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk