

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's)
2018 Annual Update Report Filing Pursuant to) File No. _____
4 CSR 240-22.080(3).)

PLEADING TO ESTABLISH FILE NUMBER

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by and through counsel, and respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3), Empire plans to make its 2018 Annual Update Report filing during March of 2018.

2. This pleading is being filed herein for the purpose of establishing an EFIS file number to reference in Empire's 2018 Annual Update Report and so there is a repository for case filings and other materials.

WHEREFORE, Empire files this pleading in order to establish a file number for its 2018 Annual Update Report filing and related materials.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS, notifying all counsel of record of the filing, and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 14th day of March, 2017, to Staff, OPC, and the Division of Energy.

_____/s/ Diana C. Carter_____