BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's)		
2017 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), and states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

- 1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 South Joplin Avenue (P.O. Box 127), Joplin, Missouri 64801 (64802). Empire is engaged in the business of providing electric and water utility services in Missouri to customers in its service areas and has a certificate of service authority to provide certain telecommunications services.
- Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3), Empire plans to make its
 2017 Annual Update Report filing during March 2017.
- 3. This document is filed for the purpose of establishing an EFIS file number to reference in Empire's 2017 Annual Update Report.

WHEREFORE, Empire files this pleading in order to establish a file number for its 2017 Annual Update Report filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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