BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Empire District Electric)	
Company, Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. and)	File No. EM-2016-0213
Liberty Sub Corp. Concerning an Agreement and)	
Plan of Merger and Certain Related Transactions)	

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF RENEW MISSOURI

COMES NOW, Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri"), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 and applies to intervene in the above-styled case. In support of its Application, Renew Missouri states:

- 1. Earth Island Institute is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of California with its principal place of business at 2150 Allston Way, Suite 460, Berkeley, CA 94704. Earth Island has a Certificate of Authority for a Foreign Nonprofit granted by the Missouri Secretary of State. Renew Missouri is a registered fictitious name of Earth Island Institute under § 417.200 RSMo., with its principal place of business at 910 E. Broadway, Suite 205, Columbia, MO 65201. Renew Missouri is a not-for-profit clean energy policy and advocacy group whose mission is to transform Missouri into a leading state in renewable energy and energy efficiency by 2016.
 - 2. Pleadings, notices and other correspondence in this case should be directed to:

Andrew J. Linhares Staff Attorney, Renew Missouri 910 E. Broadway, Ste. 205 Columbia, MO 65201 (314) 471-9973 (314) 558-8450 Andrew@renewmo.org 3. On March 16, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") and

Liberty Utilities (Central) Co. ("LU Central") and Liberty Sub Corp. filed a joint application

asking the Commission to approve a transaction in which LU Central would acquire all of the

common stock of Empire.

4. On March 16, 2016, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice and*

Setting Intervention Date, which set an intervention deadline of April 14, 2016.

5. As a nonprofit organization focused on renewable energy and energy efficiency,

Renew Missouri works closely with Missouri utilities, like Empire, to ensure compliance with

Missouri laws and regulations. As advocates for the furtherance of renewable energy investment

and best-practices renewable energy policy in Missouri, Renew Missouri's interests are different

than those of the general public and may be adversely affected by a final order arising from this

case.

4. Granting Renew Missouri intervention will serve the public interest by assisting

the Commission's record for decisions in this case, and no party will be adversely affected by

such intervention.

WHEREFORE, Renew Missouri submits this Application to Intervene and respectfully

requests that it be permitted to intervene and be made a party to this case for all purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was mailed, faxed, or emailed to all counsel of record on this 14th day of April 2016.

/s/ Andrew J. Linhares
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