

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric            )  
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing        )  
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers        )        File No. ER-2016-0023  
in the Company’s Missouri Service Area                )

**MOTION TO WITHDRAW  
OF RENEW MISSOURI**

COMES NOW Earth Island Institute d/b/a Renew Missouri (“Renew Missouri”), by and through counsel and hereby submits this Motion to Withdraw. In support of its Motion, Renew Missouri states:

1. Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) filed its proposed tariffs and Direct Testimony in this case on October 16, 2015. Renew Missouri filed for intervention on October 29, 2015, and was granted intervention on November 9. Renew Missouri conducted brief discovery and participated in several settlement discussions in File No. ER-2016-0023.

2. Renew Missouri has determined that it does not possess the time and personnel to fully participate in this case or at the hearing beginning on June 2, 2016. While there are several issues affecting renewable energy and energy efficiency investments in this case, our resources are needed in other areas at this time. In addition, counsel will not be able to attend any of the hearing dates scheduled for June 2 – June 10, 2016. We believe withdrawing from this case is the most prudent course and the most convenient for other parties.

3. With this Motion, Renew Missouri requests that it be permitted to withdraw as a party from File No. ER-2016-0023 and that it be excused from participating in the hearing scheduled for June 2 – June 10, 2016.

4. No parties will be adversely affected by our withdrawal in this case.

WHEREFORE, Renew Missouri submits this Motion to Withdraw and asks that it be permitted to withdraw as a party and be excused from all hearings in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ **Andrew J. Linhares**

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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 31<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2016.

/s/ **Andrew J. Linhares**

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