BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Propriety of the)	
Rate Schedules for Electric Service of)	File No. ER-2018-0228
The Empire District Electric Company)	

ORDER GRANTING CITY OF JOPLIN'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: April 24, 2018 Effective Date: April 24, 2018

The Commission opened this case on February 21, 2018 to consider the propriety of the electric rates charged by The Empire District Electric Company in light of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. The Commission established an intervention deadline of March 5. The City of Joplin applied to intervene on April 12, explaining that notice of the opening of the case was sent directly to the City of Joplin and was not timely relayed to the City's outside legal counsel. More than ten days have passed since the City of Joplin applied to intervene and no party has opposed that intervention.

The Commission finds that allowing the City of Joplin to intervene will serve the public interest. Further, the Commission finds that the City of Joplin has demonstrated good cause for its untimely filing. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3) and (10), the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Application to Intervene of the City of Joplin is granted.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of April, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 24th day of April 2018.

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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION April 24, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

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