BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S OBJECTION TO THE NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FILED JULY 17, 2018

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel, out of an abundance of caution and without waiving its position there is no action pending before the Commission in this case since the Commission by its May 17, 2018, written order titled, *Notice Acknowledging Dismissal and Closing File* "acknowledge[d] dismissal of this action" and closed this case, and within the seven days allotted by rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(B), as it did on July 17, 2018, in Case No. ER-2018-0366, objects to the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement of The Empire District Electric Company, the City of Joplin, Missouri, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed on July 17, 2018, on the same grounds that the terms of the settlement agreement do not provide sufficient relief to Empire's Missouri retail customers and do not comply with § 393.137, RSMo.

Respectfully,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 24th day of July 2018.

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