BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of the Propriety of the |) | |
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| Rate Schedules for Electric Service of |) <u>Case No. ER-201</u> | B-0228 |
| The Empire District Flectric Company. |) | |

WITHDRAWAL OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Chief Staff Counsel, and for its *Voluntary Dismissal*, states as follows:

- 1. On May 17, 2017, Staff filed its *Voluntary Dismissal* herein.
- 2. Because other parties raised concerns that Staff had thereby changed its position with respect to the *Stipulation & Agreement* filed herein on April 24, 2018, Staff will now withdraw its *Voluntary Dismissal*.
- 3. Staff remains fully committed to the position stated in the *Stipulation & Agreement* filed herein on April 24, 2018.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will permit it to withdraw its Voluntary Dismissal filed previously herein and reinstate this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically on all parties of record or their representatives, pursuant to the Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 17th day of May, 2018.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson