BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under)	
Section 393.137 (SB 564) to Adjust)	Case No. ER-2018-0366
the Electric Rates of The Empire)	
District Electric Company)	

MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Economic Development, Division of Energy¹ ("DE") and, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, respectfully requests that the Commission grant intervention to DE in the above-styled matter. For its Motion to Intervene, DE states as follows:

- 1. On June 6, 2018, the Commission issued an order opening this case to adjust the rates of The Empire District Electric Company as provided for in Section 393.137 RSMo.
- 2. DE is a state agency vested with the powers and duties set forth in § 640.150 RSMo.
- 3. DE's interests are different than those of the general public, as illustrated by its statutory authority to plan for future energy needs and energy resource development; develop, promote, administer and monitor energy conservation programs;² promote economic development; consult and cooperate with all state and federal governmental agencies on matters of energy research and development, management, conservation and distribution; and analyze the potential for increased use

¹ The Division of Energy was transferred from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to the Department of Economic Development (DED) on August 29, 2013 by Executive Order 13-03. The Executive Order transfers "[A]II authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, contracts, budgets, matters pending, and other pertinent vestiges of the Division of Energy from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to the Missouri Department of Economic Development…"

² §§ 640.676 and 640.150 RSMo

of energy alternatives and make recommendations for the expanded use of such alternate energy sources and technologies.³

- 4. DE expects to develop its positions on specific issues as this case proceeds.
- 5. Communications, correspondence, orders and decision in this matter should be addressed to the undersigned with a copy to DEDEnergyCases@ded.mo.gov.

WHEREFORE, the Division of Energy respectfully requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-styled matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been served electronically on all counsel of record this 13th day of June 2018.

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³ § 640.150.1 RSMo.