BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of a Proceeding Under Section 393.137 (SB 564) to Adjust the Electric Rates of The Empire District Electric Company

Case No. ER-2018-0366

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 and, within the seven days allotted by rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2)(B), hereby 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 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 17th day of July 2018.

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