

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 20<sup>th</sup> of  
December, 2017.

William L. Gehrs, Jr.,	)	
	)	
Complainant	)	
	)	
vs.	)	File No. EC-2018-0033
	)	
The Empire District Electric Company	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION**

Issue Date: December 20, 2017

Effective Date: December 20, 2017

William L. Gehrs, Jr. filed the complaint,<sup>1</sup> charging that The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire District”) “has failed to uniformly assess multiple customer charge fees to multi-unit apartment buildings in the Joplin Missouri area [.]”<sup>2</sup> Bob Higginbotham (“Mr. Higginbotham”) filed an application for intervention (“motion”).<sup>3</sup> The Commission received no response to the motion within the time provided by regulation.<sup>4</sup> The Commission convened a procedural conference,<sup>5</sup> at which Empire District stated that it has no objection, and Staff made no objection.

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<sup>1</sup> Electronic Filing Information System (“EFIS”) No. 1 (July 31, 2017) *Complaint*.

<sup>2</sup> EFIS No. 1 (July 31, 2017) *Complaint*, paragraph 7.

<sup>3</sup> EFIS No. 25 (December 4, 2017) Application to Intervene of Bob Higginbotham.

<sup>4</sup> 4 CSR 240-2.080(13).

<sup>5</sup> On December 19, 2017. EFIS No. 19 (November 15, 2017) *Order Setting Conference*.

The motion is subject to the following standard:

The commission may on application permit any person to intervene on a showing that—

(A) The proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case; or

(B) Granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest [.]

The motion alleges that Mr. Higginbotham owns a multi-unit property in Joplin, Missouri. That interest in a building, of the classification for which billing is at issue in the complaint, is different from that of the general public. And that interest is subject to an adverse effect from the decision on the complaint.

The Commission will grant the motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. *Application to Intervene of Bob Higginbotham* is granted.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and  
Coleman, CC., concur.

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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