

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

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

**ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL**

Issue Date: February 2, 2018

Effective Date: February 2, 2018

On January 22, 2018, attorneys Marc H. Ellinger, Stephanie S. Bell, and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C., filed a *Motion to Withdraw* from representation as counsel for Bob Higginbotham. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(6) provides that an attorney may withdraw from a case before the Commission only by leave of the Commission. The Commission will grant the request to withdraw as counsel.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Marc H. Ellinger, Stephanie S. Bell, and the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C., are granted leave to withdraw from representation as counsel for Bob Higginbotham.

2. This order shall become effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2018.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February 2018.**



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

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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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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