

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company's Request for Authority)	
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)	File No. ER-2019-0374
Service Provided to Customers in its)	
Missouri Service Area)	

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE BY THE
EMPIRE DISTRICT RETIRED MEMBERS & SPOUSES ASSOCIATION**

COMES NOW, the Empire District Retired Members & Spouses Association (EDRA), by and through counsel, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, and files its Motion to Intervene in the referenced case. In support thereof, EDRA states as follows:

1. On August 14, 2019, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed tariffs designed to increase the electric rates to customers served in its Missouri service area.
2. On August 21, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Delegating Authority, Setting a Deadline to Intervene, and Scheduling a Prehearing Conference*, which set an intervention deadline of September 16, 2019.
3. EDRA is composed of retirees of Empire and their spouses; retirees who have earned, during their careers at Empire, certain post-career benefits, including, but not limited to, pensions and health care. These future benefits were integral to and were considerations promised in exchange for work already performed by the retirees.
4. EDRA's interest is different than those of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order from this Commission in this case. EDRA wishes to ensure

that its members' earned benefits are preserved for the future, and not discounted or otherwise inappropriately modified. Such interest is not currently represented at this time.

5. EDRA expects to develop its position on specific issues as the case develops, and takes no position on the filing at this time.

6. Granting intervention to the EDRA would serve the public interest by allowing the EDRA to examine the issues that are significant from a policy and public interest from their unique perspective.

WHEREFORE, the EDRA prays that this Commission issue an order granting its application to intervene in this proceeding and for such other orders and relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 4th day of September, 2019.

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