

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

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| In the Matter of The Empire District Gas |) | |
| Company’s Request to File Tariffs to |) | File No. GR-2021-0320 |
| Change its Rates for Natural Gas Service |) | |

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

Ronald John Ritchie, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(m) and 9.03, petitions the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for leave to be permitted to appear and participate in the above-captioned matter. In support of this Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice, I respectfully state as follows:

1. I am a Director, Legal and Regulatory Affairs at Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp. with offices at 36 Fifth Street, Fall River, MA 02721. I wish to serve as co-counsel to The Empire District Gas Company (“EDG”) *pro hac vice* in this matter.
2. I am a member in good standing of the State Bar of Massachusetts, Bar No. 652546.
3. I have never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind.
4. I am not admitted to practice in Missouri.
5. Neither I, nor any other attorney at Liberty Utilities (New England Natural Gas Company) Corp., is disqualified to appear before the Commission or the courts of the State of Massachusetts.
6. Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 6.01(m), a fee of \$410 has been paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court as shown in the attached certificate issued on September 1, 2021 by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.
7. I am associated in this matter with James M. Fischer, Missouri Bar No. 27543, Fischer & Dority, P.C. 101 Madison—Suite 400 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101. I respectfully designate James M. Fischer as associate counsel. Mr. Fischer has also entering his appearance on behalf of EDG in this

matter.

8. If this application to appear *pro hac vice* is granted I agree to abide by the Rules of the Commission, including all disciplinary rules, and notify the Commission immediately of any matter affecting my standing at the bar of any court.

9. I respectfully request to be added to the service list for this proceeding, electronic (email) service preferred.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request that this motion for my admission *pro hac vice* be granted.

Respectfully submitted on September 9, 2021.

/s/ Ronald John Ritchie
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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record on September 9, 2021.

/s/ Angela Cloven



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This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$410.00 as required by Rule 6.01(n) for Ronald Ritchie, appearing in The Empire District Gas Company, Case No. GR-2021-0320, before the Administrative Hearing Commission, Administrative Hearing Unit, State of Missouri.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy AuBuchon".

Betsy AuBuchon, Clerk