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)	Case No.	
Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area)	_	

NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company ("Empire"), and for its Notice of Intended Case Filing being submitted herein pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission"):

- 1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri. Empire is qualified to conduct business and is conducting business in Missouri, as well as in the states of Arkansas, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Empire is engaged, generally, in the business of generating, purchasing, transmitting, distributing, and selling electricity in portions of the referenced four states. Empire's Missouri operations are subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission as provided by law.
- 2. RSMo. 386.266.4(3) requires Empire to "file a general rate case with the effective date of new rates to be no later than four years after the effective date" of the Commission's order implementing a Fuel Adjustment Clause ("FAC") for Empire. Empire's last request for an overall increase in rates for electric service was docketed as Case No. ER-2016-0023, and the Commission order authorizing the continuation of a FAC for Empire was issued in said case on August 10, 2016, effective September 9, 2016. Empire is thus required to file a general rate case with the effective date of new rates to be no later than four years after September 9, 2016.
- 3. As required by RSMo. 386.266.4(3), Empire intends to file a general rate case prior to October 9, 2019. The intended filing date between 60 days from today and October 9, 2019, is

unknown at this time. Issues the Commission will be asked to consider and decide in the required

general rate case are those that normally arise in general rate case proceedings for an electric

utility with a FAC.

4. With regard to Rule 4.017(1) and the requirement that a 60-day filing notice include "a

summary of all communication regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the

filing party and the office of the commission that occurred in the ninety (90) days prior to filing

the notice," Empire verifies that there have been no ex parte communications regarding

substantive issues likely to be in the intended case between Empire and the office of the

Commission within the 90 days prior to the filing of this Notice.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits to the Commission this Notice of Intended Case Filing.

Empire requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 29th day of May, 2019, and sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the

Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter