

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's)
2016 Triennial Compliance Filing Pursuant to) File No. _____
4 CSR 240-22.)

PLEADING TO ESTABLISH FILE NUMBER

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), by and through counsel, and states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 South Joplin Avenue (P.O. Box 127), Joplin, Missouri, 64801 (64802). Empire is engaged in the business of providing electric and water utility services in Missouri to customers in its service areas and has a certificate of service authority to provide certain telecommunications services.

2. Pursuant to Chapter 22, Empire plans to make its 2016 triennial compliance filing on April 1, 2016.

3. This document is being filed for the purpose of establishing an EFIS file number to reference in Empire's 2016 triennial compliance filing.

WHEREFORE, Empire files this pleading in order to establish a file number for its 2016 triennial compliance filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on this 3rd day of March, 2016, to Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Department of Natural Resources, and all other parties to its previous IRP proceeding.

/s/ Diana C. Carter