BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in the Company's Missouri Service Area

File No. ER-2014-0351 Tracking No. YE-2015-0074

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Kevin A. Thompson, Chief Staff Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel:

1. Effective September 15, 2015, Cydney Mayfield resigned her position in the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office. At that time, she was listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. Staff is filing this Notice in each case in which Ms. Mayfield is listed as counsel because she is no longer part of the Commission's Staff.

2. The Commission's Staff will continue to be represented by the remaining counsel assigned to this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all counsel of record this 22nd day of September, 2015.

<u>/s/ Kevin A. Thompson</u>