

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

In the Matter of a Proceeding Under)	
Section 393.137 (SB 564) to Adjust the)	Case No. ER-2018-0366
Electric Rates of The Empire District)	
Electric Company)	

THE CITY OF JOPLIN MISSOURI'S REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED

COMES NOW the City of Joplin, Missouri (“Joplin”) and for its Request to be Excused states as follows:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) has scheduled an evidentiary hearing in the above-referenced matter on July 20 and 23, 2018.
2. Joplin does not have any witnesses who will testify at the evidentiary hearing.
3. Joplin now gives notice to the Commission that it does not intend to participate in most, if not all, of the evidentiary hearing. Joplin waives its right to cross-examination of witnesses appearing at the hearing during any time when Joplin does not appear.
4. Joplin also waives its right to present opening statements with respect to any issue for which Joplin does not appear.
5. Joplin expressly reserves its right to file a post-hearing brief in accordance with the Procedural Schedule.

WHEREFORE, Joplin respectfully requests that it be excused as aforesaid.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing were sent by email to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

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