

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

In the Matter of the Application of Union)	
Electric Company for Authority to Continue the)	
Transfer of Functional Control of Its)	Case No. EO-2008-0134
Transmission System to the Midwest)	
Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc.)	

EMPIRE’S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), and, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, and the Commission’s Order Providing Notice and Establishing Intervention Deadline, states as follows:

1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street (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. Empire is an “electrical corporation,” a “gas corporation,” a “water corporation,” a “telecommunications company” and a “public utility” as those terms are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo 2000, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law.
3. Empire has no pending or final judgments or decisions against it from state or federal regulatory agencies or courts which involve customer service occurring within the three (3) years immediately proceeding the filing of this application. Empire has a general rate case pending before the Commission in Case No. ER-2008-0093. Empire has no overdue Commission annual reports or assessment fees.
4. Empire’s documents of incorporation were filed with the Commission in Case No. EF-94-39 and said documents are incorporated herein by reference in accordance with 4 CSR

240-2.060(1)(G). A Certificate of Authority from the Missouri Secretary of State to the effect that Empire, a foreign corporation, is authorized to do business in the State of Missouri, was filed with the Commission in Case No. EM-2000-369 and is also incorporated by reference.

5. Pleadings, notices, orders and other correspondence and communications concerning this application should be addressed to the undersigned counsel and:

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6. On February 26, 2004, in Case No. EO-2003-0271, the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement whereby the Commission granted Union Electric Company, d/b/a AmerenUE (AmerenUE), authority to transfer functional control of its electric transmission system to the Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc. (Midwest ISO). AmerenUE's authority to participate in the Midwest ISO will expire on April 30, 2009. Among other things, the stipulation and agreement required AmerenUE to file a pleading by November 1, 2007, addressing its continued participation in the Midwest ISO. That pleading was to be accompanied by a cost-benefit analysis evaluating AmerenUE's options.

7. On November 1, 2007, AmerenUE filed the required pleading and cost-benefit analysis creating this case. AmerenUE reports that its cost-benefit analysis indicates continued participation in the Midwest ISO is appropriate for at least another three years. It therefore requests an extension of its authority to participate in the Midwest ISO until April 30, 2012.

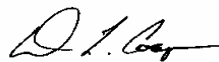
8. The Commission issued its Order Providing Notice and Establishing Intervention Deadline and provided parties until November 30, 2007, to file applications to intervene.

9. Empire was a party Case No. EO-2003-0271. Since the completion of that case, Empire has received the Commission's authority to transfer to the Southwest Power Pool, Inc. (SPP), conditional and interim functional control of certain transmission assets. SPP launched its Energy Imbalance Services (EIS) Market and began dispatching wholesale electricity on February 1, 2007.

10. A transmission seam exists between SPP and Midwest ISO that impacts Empire's ability to sell power to and import power from east of SPP's footprint. As a result, Empire has an interest in AmerenUE's application that is different from that of the general public and that may be impacted by a final order in this case. Additionally, Empire's status as a public utility and its interests in the subjects of this case indicate that its intervention would serve the public interest.

WHEREFORE, Empire prays that the Commission issue its order granting it permission to intervene in the above-entitled matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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