BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

<u>File No. ER-2019-0374</u>

MISSOURI DIVISION OF ENERGY MOTION TO BE EXCUSED

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Natural Resources – Division of Energy ("DE") and respectfully requests that DE be excused from the remainder of the above-styled matter. For its

Motion, DE states as follows:

1. On August 14, 2019, The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company ("Liberty-Empire") submitted to the Commission a general rate case.

2. On September 9, 2019, DE filed an Application to Intervene and was granted intervention at the Prehearing Conference on September 20, 2019.

3. DE has not filed testimony or otherwise participated in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Division of Energy respectfully requests that it be excused from the remainder of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing have been emailed to the certified service list this 3rd day of April, 2020.

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