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

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's d/b/a Liberty (Empire) Fuel Costs Related to the Extraordinary Weather Event of February 2021

File No. EU-2021-0274

## <u>APPLICATION TO INTERVENE BY THE</u> <u>CITY OF OZARK, MISSOURI</u>

COMES NOW, the City of Ozark ("Ozark"), Missouri, by and through counsel, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") rule 4 CSR 2420-2.075, and files its Application to Intervene in the referenced case. In support thereof, Ozark states as follows:

1. On June 1, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty

("Liberty") filed tariffs designed to collect costs related to Winter Storm Uri in its Missouri service area.

2. On June 3, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Date, and Directing Filing*, which set an intervention deadline of June 24, 2021.

3. Ozark has a franchise agreement with Liberty, and Liberty provides electrical service to all residential, commercial and industrial customers within the city limits of Ozark, as well as to Ozark.

4. Ozark's interest is different than those of the general public, and may be adversely affected by a final order from this Commission in this case. Ozark wishes to ensure that both it and its citizens' interest in affordable and reliable electricity are preserved for the future, that Ozark has the ability to appropriately plan for the future, and that Ozark is not disadvantaged or otherwise economically disadvantaged by Liberty's current request. Such interests are not currently represented at this time.

5. Ozark expects to develop its position on specific issues as the case develops, and takes no position on the filing at this time.

6. Granting intervention to Ozark would serve the public interest by allowing Ozark to examine the issues that are significant from a policy and public interest from their unique perspective.

WHEREFORE, Ozark prays that this Commission issue an order granting its application to intervene in this proceeding and for such other orders and relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

## Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or handdeliveredto all counsel of record this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021.

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