

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water	)	
Company's Request for Authority to	)	
Implement a General Rate Increase for	)	<b>File No. WR-2017-0285</b>
Water and Sewer Service Provided In	)	<b>File No. SR-2017-0286</b>
Missouri Service Areas	)	

**STATEMENT OF POSITION OF  
THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“*Empire*”) and states that it takes no position at this time in the issues in this case as described in the *Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening Statements, and Order of Cross-Examination* filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on behalf of all parties in this case on February 15, 2018. Empire reserves the right to take a position with respect to, cross-examine witnesses on, and to brief, those issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing pleading has been served by electronic means on all parties of record as reflected in the records maintained by the Secretary of the Commission through the EFIS system.

Dated: February 21, 2018

*/s/ Sharrock Dermott*  
Sharrock Dermott