BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of The Empire)	
District Electric Company's 2016)	File No. EO-2016-0223
Triennial Compliance Filing)	
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22)	

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

Issue Date: June 29, 2016 Effective Date: June 29, 2016

On April 1, 2016, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed its 2016 Integrated Resource Plan pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22 and in compliance with the Commission's Electric Utility Resource Planning report requirements. The Missouri Department of Economic Development – Division of Energy ("DE") submitted a timely application to intervene. DE is a state agency vested with the power to plan for future energy needs and energy resource development within Missouri, including the development, administration and monitoring of energy conservation programs.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3) authorizes the Commission to grant an application to intervene if the party has an interest different from that of the general public which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case, or if granting intervention would serve the public interest. DE's intervention will serve the public interest by providing the Commission with its formal state policy and planning perspective on the efficient use of clean and affordable energy.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) grants parties ten days from the date of a filing to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. No

objections to DE's application were received. Upon review of the unopposed application, the Commission finds DE meets the standards set in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3). Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- The application by the Missouri Department of Economic Development –
 Division of Energy to intervene is granted.
 - 2. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 29th day of June, 2016.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 29th day of June 2016.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION June 29, 2016

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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