BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire)		
District Electric Company for Approval of)	Case No.	EO-2018-0092
Its Customer Savings Plan)		

JOINT MOTION TO DELAY HEARING START DATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company (Empire); Renew Missouri; Midwest Energy Consumers Group (MECG); Division of Energy (DE); Dogwood Energy, LLC; Ameren Missouri; and Staff; known collectively herein as "the Parties," files this Joint Motion to Delay Hearing Start Date with the Missouri Public Service Commission stating the following:

- The evidentiary hearing in the above captioned case is set to begin on April 16, 2018.
- 2. The Parties have been working together in an attempt to reach settlement of all the issues of the case and believe a delay will allow continued discussion to that end.
- 3. The Parties respectfully request a delay to the start of the hearing, to begin on Wednesday, April 18, 2018, or in the alternative, to begin on Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Parties recognize that a delay does not guarantee a unanimous settlement, and in the event no settlement is reached, the parties still desire to provide for the possibility that the hearing could last five days. Having checked the

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¹ The Office of Public Counsel (OPC) and the City of Joplin, Missouri have indicated that while they do not wish to be included as a movant, they do not object to this motion. Sierra Club has indicated it will not sign onto the motion.

Commission's calendar, the Parties believe a 2-day delay is feasible and would allow the hearing to continue as late as April 24, 2018 without disrupting the Commission's schedule.

WHEREFORE, the Staff files this *Joint Motion to Delay Hearing Start Date* on behalf of the Parties and prays the Commission order the evidentiary hearing for Case No. EO-2018-0092 to begin on April 18, 2018, or in the alternative, to begin on Tuesday, April 17, 2018, and accept this pleading as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 13th day of April, 2018.

/s/ Marcella L. Forck