

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

In the Matter of the Future Supply, Delivery)	
and Pricing of the Electric Service Provided)	Case No. EO-2004-0577
by Kansas City Power & Light Company)	

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075, and states as follows as its Application to Intervene:

1. Empire is a Kansas corporation with its principal office and place of business at 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri 64801. Empire is engaged in the business of providing electric and water utility services in Missouri to customers in its service areas and has a certificate of service authority to provide certain telecommunications services.

2. Empire is an “electrical corporation,” a “water corporation,” a “telecommunications company” and a “public utility” as those terms are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo 2000, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law.

3. Empire has pending or final judgments or decisions against it from state or federal regulatory agencies or courts which involve customer service occurring within the three (3) years immediately preceding the filing of this application. Empire has a general rate case pending before the Commission in Case No. ER-2004-0570. Empire has no overdue Commission annual reports or assessment fees.

4. Empire’s documents of incorporation were filed with the Commission in Case No.

EF-94-39 and said documents are incorporated herein by reference in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.060(1)(G). A Certificate of Authority from the Missouri Secretary of State to the effect that Empire, a foreign corporation, is authorized to do business in the State of Missouri, was filed with the Commission in Case No. EM-2000-369 and is incorporated by reference.

5. Pleadings, notices, orders and other correspondence and communications concerning this application should be addressed to the undersigned counsel and:

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6. On May 6, 2004, Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") filed a request that the Commission open an investigation to discuss "constructive regulatory responses to emerging issues that will affect the supply, delivery and pricing of the electric service provided by KCPL." The Commission issued an Order Directing Notice and Setting Intervention Deadline on May 25, 2004, wherein the Commission ordered that any interested party wishing to intervene do so no later than June 1, 2004.

7. KCPL's application identifies several issues that are said to be "interrelated issues of importance to KCP&L and its stakeholders." These issues are as follows:

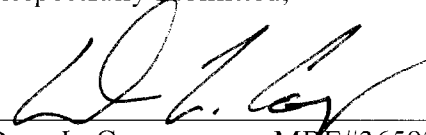
- Capacity options;
- Emissions concerns;
- Price stability; and,

- Demand-side management programs and evaluation of new technologies for energy and account management.

8. Empire is currently a co-owner of the Iatan Unit No. 1 power plant with KCPL and is therefore directly interested in both the capacity and emissions subjects identified by KCPL. As a fellow Missouri electric utility, Empire is also indirectly interested in both the price stability and demand-side subjects. Empire seeks to intervene in this matter for the purpose of addressing all four of the subject described by KCPL. Empire is unsure what position it may take as to the issues that may be raised in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Empire prays that the Commission issue its order granting it permission to intervene in the above-entitled matter.

Respectfully submitted,



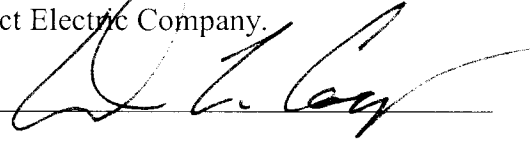
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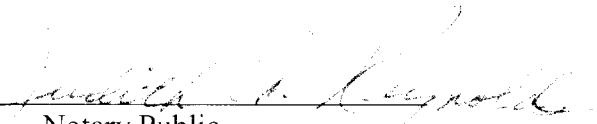
VERIFICATION

State of Missouri)
) ss
County of COLE)

Dean L. Cooper being first duly sworn, deposes and states that the aforesaid application is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief and that he is authorized to make this statement on behalf of The Empire District Electric Company.

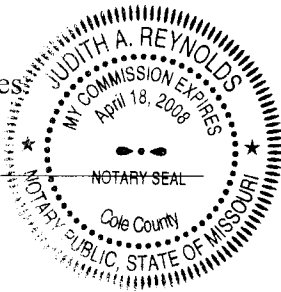


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of June, 2004.



Notary Public

My Commission expires _____



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a copy of the foregoing was, on this 1st day of June, 2004, sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand delivered, to the following:

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