

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

In the Matter of the Petition of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty to Obtain a Financing)
Order that Authorizes the Issuance of Securitized) **FILE NO. EO-2022-0040**
Utility Tariff Bonds for Qualified Extraordinary Costs)

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Mark Johnson, Chief Staff Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following *Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel*:

1. Effective April 24, 2024, Nicole Mers resigned from her position in the Commission’s Staff Counsel’s Office. I am filing this Notice in each case in which she was listed as counsel, because she will no longer be part of the Commission’s Staff Counsel’s Office.

2. The Commission’s Staff will continue to be represented by Staff Counsel assigned to the case.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully submit this *Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel* for the Commission’s information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 17th day of October, 2024.

/s/ Mark Johnson