DEFORE 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: July 20, 2016 Effective Date: July 20, 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 Commission issued an order setting a July 6 deadline for the filing of applications to intervene. On July 7, the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission ("MJMEUC") filed an application to intervene out of time. MJMEUC is a joint municipal utility commission with authority to exercise powers of a political subdivision for the benefit of the residents of its members. Sixty-seven Missouri municipalities are part of MJMEUC.

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. MJMEUC's interest is different from that of the general public since it represents municipal electrical systems that take transmission from the Southwest Power Pool, of which Empire is a member. In addition,

MJMEUC's intervention may serve the public interest by providing additional information.

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 MJMEUC's application were received. Upon review of the unopposed application, the Commission finds good cause exists to allow MJMEUC to intervene one day out of time. Therefore, the Commission will grant the application to intervene.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. The application by MJMEUC to intervene is granted.
- 2. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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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 20th day of July, 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 20th day of July 2016.

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

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