

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

**In the Matter of Request of The Empire District)
Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for Authority)
to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric) File No. ER-2021-0312
Service Provided to Customers in its)
Missouri Service Area)**

**APPLICATION TO INTERVENE BY THE
CITY OF OZARK, MISSOURI**

COMES NOW, the City of Ozark (“Ozark”), Missouri, by and through counsel, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) rule 4 CSR 2420-2.075, and files its Application to Intervene in the referenced case. In support thereof, Ozark states as follows:

1. On May 28, 2021, The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty (“Liberty”) filed tariffs designed to increase the electric rates to customers served in its Missouri service area.
2. On June 2, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Delegating Authority, Setting a Deadline to Intervene, and Scheduling a Prehearing Conference*, which set an intervention deadline of June 22, 2021.
3. Ozark has a franchise agreement with Liberty, and Liberty provides electrical service to all residential, commercial and industrial customers within the city limits of Ozark, as well as to Ozark.
4. Ozark’s interest is different than those of the general public, and may be adversely affected by a final order from this Commission in this case. Ozark wishes to

ensure that both it and its citizens' interest in affordable and reliable electricity are preserved for the future, that Ozark has the ability to appropriately plan for the future, and that Ozark is not disadvantaged or otherwise economically disadvantaged by Liberty's current request. Such interests are not currently represented at this time.

5. Ozark expects to develop its position on specific issues as the case develops, and takes no position on the filing at this time.

6. Granting intervention to Ozark would serve the public interest by allowing Ozark to examine the issues that are significant from a policy and public interest from their unique perspective.

WHEREFORE, Ozark prays that this Commission issue an order granting its application to intervene in this proceeding and for such other orders and relief as may be appropriate in the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 22nd day of June, 2021.

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