

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric
Company d/b/a Liberty's Application for
Approval of New or Modified Tariffs for Service
to Large Load Customers

Case No. ET-2026-0184

MOTION FOR ADMISSION *PRO HAC VICE*

Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(n) and 9.03, David Zoppo and Michael Blackwell hereby move the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for leave to appear and participate in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of their Motion for Admission *Pro Hac Vice*, Mr. Zoppo and Mr. Blackwell respectfully state as follows:

1. Mr. Zoppo is an attorney with the firm of Husch Blackwell LLP, located at 33 E. Main St., Suite 300, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. Mr. Zoppo wishes to represent Geronimo Power, LLC ("Geronimo Power") *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

2. Mr. Blackwell is an attorney with the firm of Husch Blackwell LLP, located at 1801 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 1000, Washington, D.C. 20006. Mr. Blackwell also wishes to represent Geronimo Power *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

3. Mr. Zoppo is a member in good standing of the Wisconsin Bar under admission number 1094283; he was admitted to the Wisconsin bar in 2013. Mr. Zoppo is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin, and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin. Mr. Zoppo has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind.

4. Mr. Blackwell is a member in good standing of the Indiana Bar under admission number 31893-06; he was admitted in 2014. Mr. Blackwell is also admitted to practice before the U.S.

Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Mr. Blackwell has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind.

5. Neither Mr. Zoppo nor Mr. Blackwell, nor any member of Husch Blackwell LLP, is under suspension or disbarment, nor is any member of Husch Blackwell LLP disqualified to appear before the Missouri Public Service Commission or any court.

6. Pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(n), Mr. Zoppo and Mr. Blackwell have each paid a fee of \$410 to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court. Certificates issued by the Clerk of the Supreme Court acknowledging such payment are attached hereto as Exhibit A.

7. Mr. Zoppo and Mr. Blackwell are associated in this matter with Bryan Wade, Husch Blackwell LLP, 3810 E. Sunshine St., Suite 300, Springfield, Missouri 65809. Mr. Wade is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar and is qualified to practice before this Commission pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(A). Mr. Zoppo and Mr. Blackwell respectfully designate Mr. Wade as associate counsel. Mr. Wade is entering his appearance on behalf of Geronimo Power in this proceeding concurrently with the filing of this Motion.

8. If this motion to appear *pro hac vice* is granted, Mr. Zoppo and Mr. Blackwell agree to abide by the Rules of the Commission, including all disciplinary rules, and to notify the Commission immediately of any matter affecting their standing at the bar of any court.

9. Mr. Zoppo and Mr. Blackwell respectfully request to be added to the service list for this proceeding, with electronic service preferred.

For the foregoing reasons, David Zoppo and Michael Blackwell respectfully request that this motion for admission *pro hac vice* be granted.

Dated: October 13, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bryan Wade

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Exhibit A



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on October 13, 2026, the foregoing document was filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in the above-captioned docket through the Commission's electronic filing and information system and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via e-mail upon all counsel of record using the Commission's certified service list.

/s/ David Zoppo
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Attorney for Geronimo Power, LLC