

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty's Application for) **Case No. ET-2026-0184**
Approval of New or Modified Tariffs for Service)
to Large Load Customers)

ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE

Issue Date: October 16, 2026

Effective Date: October 16, 2026

On September 29, 2026, Lauren Willingham and Caitlin Shields filed a joint motion for leave to appear *pro hac vice* as attorneys for The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty.

Willingham is Director of Legal Services with Liberty Utilities Service Corp., located at 602 S. Joplin Ave., Joplin, Missouri 64802. Willingham states she is in good standing with the Oklahoma Bar Association and has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings.

Shields is an attorney with the firm of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, located at 2138 W. 32nd Avenue, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80211. Shields states she is in good standing with the Colorado and Illinois Bar Associations and has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings.

The motion further states that they are not under suspension or disbarment in any state and, to the best of their knowledge, no attorney employed by Liberty Utilities Service Corp or Wilkinson Barker Knauer LLP is disqualified to appear before the Commission or in any court.

Willingham and Shields are associated in this matter with Kevin A. Thompson, Brydon Swearingen & England, P.C., 312 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101.

Mr. Thompson is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar and is qualified to practice before this Commission and has already entered his appearance on behalf of Liberty.

Willingham and Shields provided proof that they complied with Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(n).

The Commission has reviewed the motion and finds it complies with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01 and 9.03.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The joint motion for admission *pro hac vice*, as described above, is granted.
2. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 16th day of October, 2026.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 16th day of October, 2026.



Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).¹

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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