

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

In the matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company for Authority to File)
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric)
Service Provided to Customers in the)
Company's Missouri Service Area)

File No. ER-2014-0351

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Whitney Hampton, Assistant Staff Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel:

1. Effective February 13, 2015, I resigned my position in the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office. At that time, I was listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. I am filing this Notice in each case in which I was listed as counsel because I am no longer part of the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office.

2. Staff of the Commission will continue to be represented by the remaining counsel assigned to this 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 certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all parties to this cause on this 19th day of February, 2015.

/s/ Whitney Hampton