BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Forge Buyer, LLC and Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc. for Approval of Encumbrance	)))))	File No. HF-2027-0123

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE OF DANIEL R. SIMON

COMES NOW Daniel R. Simon, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(n) and 9.03, and petitions the Commission for leave to appear *pro hac vice* and participate in the above-captioned matter as co-counsel for Forge Buyer, LLC. In support of this petition, I respectfully state the following:

1. I am a partner with the law firm Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP ("Nelson Mullins") with a business address of 301 S. College Street, 23rd Floor, Charlotte, NC 28202.

2. I am a member in good standing of the North Carolina Bar, Bar number 26751 and I am authorized to practice before all courts within that jurisdiction.

3. I am also a member in good standing of the District of Columbia Bar, Bar number 473059 and I am authorized to practice before all courts within that jurisdiction.

4. I am not under suspension or disbarment in any state, and to the best of my knowledge, no other attorney employed by and practicing at Nelson Mullins is disqualified to appear before the courts of North Carolina or the District of Columbia.

5. I agree to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in Missouri Supreme Court Rule 4 and acknowledge that I am subject to discipline by the courts of this State so long as I am practicing in this State.

6. For the duration of the above-captioned matter, I agree to associate myself with the following attorney:

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Mr. Opitz is a resident attorney and member in good standing of the Missouri Bar. He will continue to also serve as counsel for Forge Buyer, LLC in this matter.

7. Pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(n), a fee of $410.00 has been paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court as shown in the attached receipt.

WHEREFORE, I request an Order from the Commission granting leave to appear *pro hac vice* and participate as co-counsel for Forge Buyer, LLC in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Daniel R. Simon

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on November 4, 2026, to counsel for all parties.

/s/ Tim Opitz

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This will hereby acknowledge receipt of $410.00 as required by Rule 6.01(n) for Daniel Simon, appearing in In the Matter of the Joint Application of Forge Buyer, LLC and Vicinity Energy Kansas City, Inc. for Approval of Encumbrance, Case No. HF-2027-0123, before the Public Service Commission, State of Missouri.

Betsy Ledgerwood

Betsy Ledgerwood, Clerk