

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

In the Matter of the Application of Roger Pritchett	)	
for Change of Electric Supplier from the Empire	)	
District Electric Company to Ozark Electric	)	<b><u>Case No. EO-2017-0217</u></b>
Cooperative in Greene County, Missouri	)	

**MOTION FOR EXTENSION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby files its *Motion for Extension* as follows:

1. On February 6, 2017, Mr. Roger Pritchett filed an *Application for Change of Electric Service Provider* ("Application"), requesting a change from The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") to Ozark Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Ozark") for his residence in Greene County, Missouri, pursuant to 394.315.2, RSMo.

2. On February 7, 2017, the Commission issued *Order Directing Notice, Adding Parties, and Directing Responses to Application*, which joined Empire and Ozark to the proceeding, and directed the companies to file a response no later than March 9, 2017. The *Order* also directed Staff to file a recommendation no later than April 10, 2017.

3. Empire filed a response on March 9, 2017, denying any service issues and requesting the Commission deny or dismiss the Application.

4. Ozark filed a response on April 4, 2017, taking no position on Mr. Pritchett's complaint, but affirming that if the Commission grants the Application that Ozark would have the ability to become Mr. Pritchett's supplier.

5. Staff is currently gathering and reviewing information in order to make a recommendation. Staff has already requested and received Data Request responses from both companies, but is in the process of submitting more requests to conduct a thorough investigation into Mr. Pritchett's claims.

6. In light of the 20-day response time for discovery in this proceeding, Staff will require an additional 30 days to complete its report and requests an extension of time to do so.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission grants this *Motion for Extension*, authorizing Staff an additional 30 days to complete its report by May 8, 2017 and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 7th day of April 2017, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Nicole Mers**