BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Request of The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

Case No. ER-2021-0312

APPLICATION TO INTERVENE OF THE MIDWEST ENERGY CONSUMERS GROUP

COMES NOW the Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("Applicant" or "MECG"), pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.075 of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and for its Application to Intervene respectfully states as follows:

1. The Midwest Energy Consumers Group is an incorporated association representing the interests of large commercial and industrial users of electricity.

2. On May 28, 2021, the Empire District Electric Company filed tariffs to increase the rates that it charges for electric service in its service area.

3. The matters to be considered in this case and the Commission's determinations thereon, could have a direct and significant impact on Applicant's cost of energy service and the manner in which it is supplied. Therefore, granting this proposed intervention to the Applicant would serve the public interest and would assist the Commission in development of a more complete record.

3. As a representative of large user customers of Empire, the Applicant has a direct and immediate interest in these proceedings that is different from that of the general public. While Applicant does not at this time have sufficient information to

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assert a position on this investigation, they reserve the right to assert positions after they have had an adequate opportunity to examine the record, and any documentation of other parties filed herein.

4. Correspondence and communications regarding this application, including service of all notices and orders of this Commission, should be addressed to:

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WHEREFORE, having stated the grounds for intervention and the position and interest of the Applicant in these proceedings, Applicant asks that the Commission grant this Application for Intervention, and thereby entitle said Applicant to have notice of and to appear at the taking of testimony, to produce and cross-examine witnesses, and to be heard through counsel on the argument, and in all other respects to be made parties to this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have this day served the foregoing pleading by email, facsimile or First Class United States Mail to all parties by their attorneys of record as provided by the Secretary of the Commission.

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David L. Woodsmall

Dated: May 28, 2021