BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area	)))))	File No. ER-2021-0312

REQUEST TO BE EXCUSED FROM HEARING

COMES NOW, Renew Missouri Advocates d/b/a Renew Missouri ("Renew Missouri"), and states:

1. Renew Missouri is a signatory or non-objecting party to multiple stipulations and agreements resolving issues in this case.

2. On the remaining contested issues, Renew Missouri does not intend to offer an opening statement or cross-examine the witnesses scheduled to appear. In the event Renew Missouri files a brief, it will accept the record developed at hearing.

WHEREFORE, Renew Missouri requests to be excused from the evidentiary hearing.

Respectfully,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 4th day of February 2022:

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