

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company d/b/a Liberty's Application for)
Approval of New or Modified Tariffs for) Case No. ET-2026-0184
Service to Large Load Customers)

MOTION FOR ADMISSION PRO HAC VICE

COME NOW Lauren Willingham and Caitlin Shields pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(n) and 9.03, and hereby move the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") for leave to appear and participate in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of their *Motion for Admission Pro Hac Vice*, Ms. Willingham and Ms. Shields respectfully state the following:

1. Ms. Willingham is Director, Legal Services with Liberty Utilities Service Corp. ("LUSC") which includes The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty ("Liberty" or the "Company"), located at 602 S. Joplin Ave., Joplin, Missouri 64802. Ms. Willingham wishes to represent Liberty *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

2. Ms. Shields is an attorney with the firm of Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP, located at 2138 W. 32nd Avenue, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado 80211. Ms. Shields wishes to represent Liberty *pro hac vice* in this proceeding.

3. Ms. Willingham is a member in good standing of the Oklahoma Bar Association under admission number 31584. Ms. Willingham has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind.

4. Ms. Shields is a member in good standing of the Colorado and Illinois Bars under admission numbers 41539 and 6303918, respectively. Ms. Shields has never been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind.

5. Neither Ms. Willingham or Ms. Shields, nor any member of LUSC or Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP is under suspension or disbarment, nor is any member of LUSC or Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP disqualified to appear before the Missouri Public Service Commission or any court.

6. Pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(n), a fee of \$820 has been paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court, and the certificates attached as **Exhibit A** were issued on September 9 and 10, 2026, by the Clerk of the Supreme Court.

7. Ms. Willingham and Ms. Shields are associated in this matter with Kevin A. Thompson, Brydon Swearngen & England, P.C., 312 E. Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101. Mr. Thompson is a member in good standing of the Missouri Bar and is qualified to practice before this Commission pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(A). Ms. Willingham and Ms. Shields will be co-counsel in this matter, along with Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson entered his appearance on behalf of Liberty in this proceeding on June 26, 2026.

8. If this motion to appear *pro hac vice* is granted, Ms. Willingham and Ms. Shields agree to abide by the Rules of the Commission, including all disciplinary rules, and to notify the Commission immediately of any matter affecting their standing at the bar of any court.

9. Ms. Willingham and Ms. Shields respectfully request to be added to the service list for this proceeding, with electronic service preferred.

WHEREFORE, by reason of all the foregoing, Lauren Willingham and Caitlin Shields respectfully request that this motion for admission *pro hac vice* be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 29th day of September, 2026, with notification of the same being sent to all counsel of record, and I further certify that the above document was sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson
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