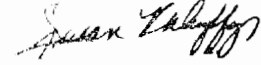


BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

JUN 09 2004

In the Matter of the Future Supply, Delivery)
and Pricing of the Electric Service Provided by)
Kansas City Power & Light Company)

 Docket Room
Docket No. 04-KCPE-1025-GIE

PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire), by and through its attorney, James G. Flaherty of Anderson & Byrd, LLP, and petitions the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for an Order allowing it to intervene herein pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225. In support of its Petition, Empire states as follows:

1. Empire is a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Kansas, with a principal place of business at 602 Joplin, Joplin, Missouri 64801. It is authorized to do business and is conducting business in the State of Kansas.

2. Empire is engaged, generally, in the business of providing electrical and water utility services in portions of Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Empire is engaged in the business of providing electrical service in Kansas to customers in its service areas as well as the states of Arkansas, Missouri and Oklahoma. Empire also provides water to three communities in Missouri and has recently been providing telecommunications services on a limited basis.

3. On May 18, 2004, Kansas City Power & Light Company ("KCPL") filed a request with the Commission to open an investigatory docket and to establish an informal panel discussion process. The purpose of the investigatory docket and informal panels will be to discuss and gain consensus on, constructive regulatory responses to emerging issues that will affect the supply, delivery and pricing of the electric service provided by KCPL.

4. Empire is requesting permission to intervene herein to represent the interests of its customers in Kansas.

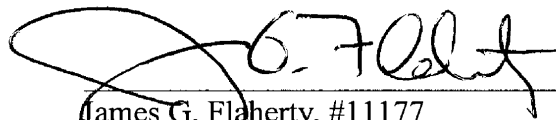
5. Empire's interest herein is not adequately represented by the existing parties.

6. All communications and correspondence to Empire, including service of all notices and orders of the Commission herein are requested to be sent to the following named individuals:

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WHEREFORE, Empire prays that the Commission enter an Order allowing it to intervene herein and for all other relief which the Commission deems just and proper.



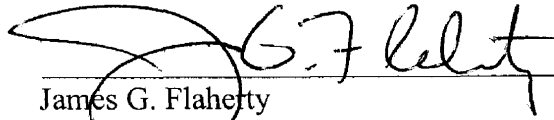
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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
)ss:
FRANKLIN COUNTY)

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:


That he is an attorney for The Empire District Electric Company; that he has read the above and foregoing Petition to Intervene, knows the contents thereof; and that the statements contained therein are true.



James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 8th day of June, 2004.





Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, this 8th day of June, 2004, addressed to:

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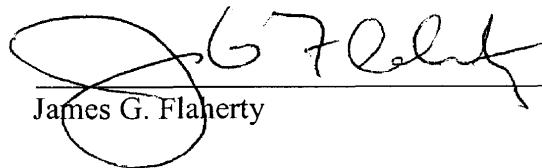
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