## BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the General Investigation to	)	
Examine Issues Surrounding Rate Design for	)	Docket No. 16-GIME-403-GIE
Distributed Generation Customers	)	

## **PETITION TO INTERVENE**

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") moves the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") for an order permitting it to intervene in the above-captioned matter pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521 and K.A.R. 82-1-225. In support thereof, Empire states as follows:

- 1. On March 11, 2016, the Commission opened the above-captioned docket. Attached to the Commission's March 11, 2016, Order was Commission Staff's ("Staff") March 10, 2016, Report and Recommendation. Staff's Report and Recommendation detailed Staff's concerns regarding establishing a rate design policy for distributed generation customers. As part of the generic docket, Staff also requests that the costs and benefits of distributed generation be thoroughly examined.
- 2. Empire is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas and is engaged in doing business in said state. Empire is a holder of a Certificate from the Commission to conduct the business of an electric utility in Kansas and as such will be subject to any changes to the Commission's regulations.
  - 3. Empire respectfully moves to intervene in the captioned proceeding.
- 4. All service, pleadings, testimony, briefs and orders for the above-captioned case should be directed to the following:

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WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order allowing it to intervene and participate in this docket, including but not limited to the right to conduct discovery, file pleadings and testimony, present oral argument, and fully participate in any scheduled hearings, and for such further and other relief as may be appropriate.

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## VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states that he is attorney for The Empire District Electric Company; that he has read the above and foregoing Petition to Intervene, and the statements contained therein are true.

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SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28th day of March, 2016.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas RONDA ROSSMAN My Appt. Exp. 5/25/2018

**Notary Public** 

Appointment/Commission Expires:

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivery, or electronically, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016, addressed to:

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