

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of Empire District Electric Company)
to Show Cause Whether it is in Violation of the)
National Electrical Safety Code Rule 214 A.5.) Docket No. 19-EPDE-180-SHO

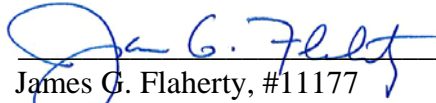
**THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY'S
RESPONSE TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER**

The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") provides the following response to the Kansas Corporation Commission's ("Commission") Show Cause Order issued in the above-captioned docket on November 15, 2018, ("Order") and to the Staff Report and Recommendation filed dated October 26, 2018 ("Staff Report").

1. Empire does not dispute the facts and conclusions included in the Staff Report and Order. On December 4, 2018, Empire and Staff held a conference call to discuss the subject matter of the Order. During that call, Empire confirmed it did not disagree with the findings, conclusions and recommendations contained in the Staff Report and that it would be issuing a response to the Order indicating it would not be challenging Staff's recommendation in this matter. In addition, Empire told Staff that with respect to National Electric Safety Code ("NESC") standards and Rule 214 A.5 of the NESC which requires "lines and equipment with recorded defects that could reasonably be expected to endanger lives or property shall be promptly repaired, disconnected or isolated," that Empire would submit to Staff a filing setting forth what Empire plans to do to address this issue with respect to its lines and equipment.

WHEREFORE, Empire does not challenge the recommendations contained in Staff's Report. Empire will submit a filing to the Staff and the Commission setting forth what Empire plans to do to address the issue raised in this matter with respect to its lines and equipment.

Respectfully submitted,



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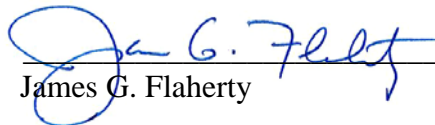
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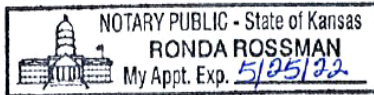
VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn deposes and says that he is attorney for The Empire District Electric Company; that he has read the above and foregoing Response to Show Cause Order; and the statements therein contained are true.


James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 17th day of December, 2018.





Notary Public

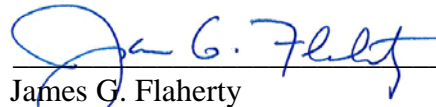
Appointment/Commission Expires:

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 17th day of December, 2018, addressed to:

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