

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

<p>In the Matter of the Application of EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC. for Authority to Issue Securities</p>	<p>VERIFIED APPLICATION OF EMPIRE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SECURITIES</p> <p>Docket No. _____</p>
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Applicant, Empire Electric Association, Inc. (“Empire”), respectfully requests approval from the Public Service Commission for the Commission’s prior written approval, in accordance with Utah Code Ann. §54-4-31 to permit Empire to participate in the issuance of securities.

1. The purpose for which Empire proposes to issue such securities is to obtain the funds in the amount of \$42,174,000.00 for the purpose of financing construction of distribution facilities, transmission and headquarters, with the approval of the Commission. The financing will be obtained through Empire, which will be issuing a secured Future Advance Promissory Note and Reimbursement Note to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (“CFC”), payable over a thirty-four year term (the “Note”).

2. The Note is to be secured under a supplemental Mortgage dated as of November 1, 2010, in supplement to the Restated Mortgage and Security Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2007.

3. The proposed transaction requires Empire to enter into an RUS Loan Contract, and to execute a Future Advance Promissory Note, Reimbursement Note, and Supplemental

Mortgage. Copies of the documents listed above, subject to modification to reflect any changes resulting from economic events, are attached as Exhibits 1 through 4, respectively.

4. Empire has sufficient revenues expected to service the amount to be borrowed, as set forth in Exhibit 5.

5. The independent audit of Empire for the year ending December 31, 2009, is attached as Exhibit 6 to this Application.

6. The issuance of securities is in the interest of Empire and its rate payers. Approval will enable Empire to continue to properly provide electric service to present and future consumers in the area that Empire serves.

7. Empire requests Informal Adjudication of the Application under R746-110 Rules of the Public Service Commission as it is not anticipated that the Application will be opposed or contested. Empire further requests expedited consideration of the Application in order to permit Empire's participation to go forward with the current favorable terms that are available for such financing.

8. Empire, based upon the foregoing statement requests waiver of the 20-day tentative period under R746-110-2 and, if necessary, waiver of the 30-day period under R746-401-3.

Respectfully submitted this 4th day of January, 2018.

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STATE OF COLORADO)
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COUNTY OF MONTEZUMA)

On this 4th day of January, 2018, personally appeared before me William C. Bauer, who being duly sworn did say that he is the President of Empire Electric Association, Inc., the Applicant in this proceeding and that he has read the foregoing Application and is familiar with the transactions referred to therein, and that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements therein are true and accurate and he has executed the foregoing application on its behalf.

_____/s/
H. Denise Rosenbaugh
Notary Public for the State of Colorado
My Commission expires: _____