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SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

BRAD J. FORTSON

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

CASE NO. ER-2016-0023

Jefferson City, Missouri May 2016

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6	Q.	Please state your name and business address.
7	А.	My name is Brad J. Fortson, and my business address is Missouri Public
8	Service Commission, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.	
9	Q.	Are you the same Brad J. Fortson who filed testimony on March 25, 2016, as a
10	part of the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff's ("Staff") Revenue Requirement	
11	Cost-of-Service ("COS") Report and rebuttal testimony on May 2, 2016?	
12	A.	Yes, I am.
13	Q.	What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?
14	А.	My surrebuttal testimony will briefly address The Empire District Electric
15	Company's ("Empire") witness Mr. Nathaniel W. Hackney's rebuttal testimony.	
16	Q.	Did you address any issues with Empire's Demand-Side Management
17	("DSM") program tariff sheets in Staff's Revenue COS Report?	
18	А.	Yes. I cited several instances where there was either outdated or incorrect
19	information within Empire's DSM program tariff sheets.	
20	Q.	What was Empire's response to this?

Surrebuttal Testimony of Brad J. Fortson

- A. On page 3 of Mr. Hackney's rebuttal testimony he states, "[...]Empire is willing to work with Staff, DE, and the other parties in this case to discuss and consider proposed changes to correct any alleged inaccuracies in its DSM tariff language."¹
- 4 Q. Did you make specific recommendations concerning Empire's current DSM
 5 programs in your rebuttal testimony?

A. Yes. I recommended Empire work with the parties in this case to reach
agreement on program designs and annual spending levels for: (a) the low-income
weatherization program,² and (b) a new Empire low-income energy efficiency program.
Therefore, the new low-income program tariff sheets would be the only Empire DSM tariff
sheets of concern. Of course, if all of Empire's current energy efficiency programs are
discontinued consistent with the Empire adopted preferred resource plan, then all tariff sheets
for current programs would be cancelled.

Does that conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

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A. Yes.

Q.

¹ Rebuttal Testimony of Nathaniel W. Hackney, pg. 3, filed May 2, 2016, in Case No. ER-2016-0023.

² The low-income weatherization program is not currently a part of Empire's DSM portfolio and costs of the program are recovered in permanent rates. However, the annual spending level for this program is an issue in this rate case.

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AFFIDAVIT OF BRAD J. FORTSON

STATE OF MISSOURI)) SS. COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW BRAD J. FORTSON and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

RAD J. FÓRTSON

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 13-4day of May, 2016.

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Gommissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: December 12, 2016 Commission Number: 12412070

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