

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of The Empire District)
Electric Company’s Change to its) File No. EO-2019-_____
2016 Utility Resources Filing)
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240 – Chapter 22)

EMPIRE’S NOTICE OF CHANGE IN PREFERRED PLAN

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080, and, for its *Notice of Change in Preferred Plan*, respectfully states as follows:

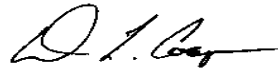
1. Empire filed its last triennial Integrated Resource Plan (“IRP”) on April 1, 2016 (File No. EO-2016-0223). Empire’s IRP described a Preferred Plan consisting of a combination of resource additions and retirements from 2016 to 2035.

2. Within the last sixty (60) days, Empire has determined that that the 2016 Preferred Plan is no longer appropriate. Consistent with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080, Empire is hereby notifying the Commission and all parties to Empire’s 2016 triennial IRP filing of its determination. Attached hereto as **Appendix A** is a Report containing a description of all changes to the Preferred Plan, the impact of each change on the present value of the revenue requirement and all other performance measures specified in the last filing, and the rationale for each change.

3. In summary, the changes in the 2016 Preferred Plan primarily relate to the timing and size of wind and natural gas additions. While the 2016 Preferred Plan does not call for the addition of wind until 2029, the New Acquisition Strategy calls for up to 600 MW of wind to be added by 2020. The New Acquisition Strategy has a lower present value revenue requirement than the 2016 Preferred Plan on both a 20 and 30-year basis. Details are found in the attached **Appendix A**.

WHEREFORE, Empire provides this Notice of Change in Preferred Plan in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail or by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on October 17, 2018, to the following:

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