

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

In the Matter of The Empire)	
District Electric Company's Request)	<u>Case No. ER-2016-0023</u>
For Authority to Implement a General)	Tracking No.: YE-2016-0104
Rate Increase for Electric Service)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and hereby moves the Commission for an extension of time, up to and including May 18, 2016, within which to file its *List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening, and Order of Cross Examination*. In support, the undersigned states that he is out of the office on urgent family business and is communicating via electronic mail with the other parties in order to determine what issues are contested. His unforeseen absence has made this process difficult, and we are requesting an extension of time, up to and including May 18, 2016, in order to complete the filing in this case.

WHEREFORE, in light of this unforeseen absence, Staff prays that the Commission will grant it an extension of time, up to and including May 18, 2016, within which to file its filing in this matter; and for such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 17th day of May, 2016, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson