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Chief RLJ Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”)
2016 Renewable Energy Standard (“RES”) Compliance Report and 2017 Plan**

Dear Judge Woodruff:

On behalf of Empire, I am providing herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission, in electronic form, Empire’s 2016 RES Compliance Report and 2017 RES Compliance Plan, in public, HC, and proprietary versions.

Empire’s RES Compliance Report and Plan were prepared in compliance with Commission Rule 240-20.100. Pursuant to the Commission’s Rule, Empire will post the public version of its RES Compliance Report on its website.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these filings.

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