

potential to take advantage of a limited window of opportunity to bring identified savings to customers through its Customer Savings Plan.

To help facilitate this schedule, Empire requests that the response times for data requests vary from Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 as follows: for data requests served prior to the date for filing of rebuttal testimony the response time is 15 calendar days to provide the information and 10 calendar days to object or to provide reasons for an inability to answer within the 15 days. For data requests served on or after the date of rebuttal testimony, the response time is 10 calendar days to provide the information and 5 calendar days to object or to provide reasons for an inability to answer within the 10 days.

Parties may file a request with the Commission not later than January 12, 2018 recommending a date and location for a local public hearing.

Counsel for the following entities have stated that their clients have no objection to this schedule: Staff of the Commission; Office of the Public Counsel; Missouri Division of Energy; Renew Missouri; Missouri Energy Consumers Group; City of Joplin; Sierra Club; Dogwood Energy, LLC; and Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits this proposed procedural schedule and requests the Commission's approval thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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