

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

In the Matter of the Application of The)
Empire District Electric Company)
Related to the Construction of)
Certain Electric Generation Facilities.) File No. _____

EMPIRE'S NOTICE OF INTENDED CASE FILING

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities Company (“Empire” or the “Company”), pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020, and files this Notice of Intended Case Filing with regard to an application the Company intends to file in the near future. In this regard, Empire respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission"):

1. Empire is a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas and is duly qualified and engaged in doing business in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Empire owns and operates an electric utility system located in contiguous portions of the above-mentioned four states, which is used to serve approximately 170,000 total electric customers. Empire is an “electric corporation” and a “public utility” as those terms are defined in RSMo. 386.020 and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law.

2. Correspondence and other papers regarding this docket should be addressed to the undersigned counsel and the following Company employee:

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Data requests in this docket should be served on the undersigned counsel and Company

employee Angela Cloven at ACloven@EmpireDistrict.com.

3. Empire intends to file an application to seek approval of a comprehensive plan designed to address the future supply, delivery, and pricing of electricity to Empire's customers, primarily through the strategic location of wind generation facilities. The propriety of renewable resources, generation mix, capacity, electric utility rates for service, authorization of a regulatory asset, and proper depreciation rates and terms are likely to be issues in the case.

4. There have been no communications regarding substantive issues likely to be in the case between the Company and the office of the Commission that will have occurred within the 150 days prior to the ultimate filing of the application. (4 CSR 240-4.017(1))

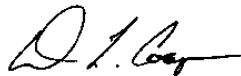
5. It is likely that Empire will seek, pursuant to Rule 4.017(1)(D), a partial waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Rule 4.017(1), in order to file the application less than sixty days from the date this Notice is filed with the Commission.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits to the Commission this Notice of Intended Case Filing. Empire requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 5th day of October, 2017, with a copy of the same sent by electronic transmission, on said date, to the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel.

