

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

In the Matter of the Application of The)	
Empire District Electric Company for)	
Authority to Sell Approximately 35 Miles)	File No. EO-2015-0172
Of a 161 kV Transmission Line to)	
Westar Energy Inc.)	

STATUS REPORT

Comes now The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) and, as its Status Report, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On March 11, 2015 (effective March 20, 2015), the Commission issued its Order Granting Authority to Sell Approximately 35 miles of Transmission Line to Westar Energy Inc. Therein, the Commission authorized Empire to sell the referenced transmission line..

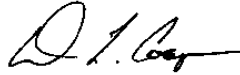
2. As of this date, Empire has not yet closed on the subject transaction. Most recently, approval for the sale was obtained from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, which issued its Order Authorizing Acquisition of Jurisdictional Facilities on July 24, 2015, in Docket No. EC15-160-000 (See **Appendix A**).

3. Empire is working toward closing. Empire will file notice within five days after closing and will supply the parties with the workpapers used to calculate the final net book value of the Litchfield Transmission Line. If closing does not take place by September 6, 2015, Empire will file an additional Status Report.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully provides this Status Report to the

Commission.

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, on August 7, 2015, to the following:

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