

**Integrated Resource Plan  
2015 Annual Update Workshop  
Summary Report**

**The Empire District Electric Company**



**File No. EO-2015-0216**

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# **The Empire District Electric Company (Empire or Company)**

## **Annual Update Workshop with the Stakeholder Group**

### **Summary Report**

Empire hosted an integrated resource plan (IRP) annual update workshop via telephone conference with the Missouri stakeholder group on April 29, 2015, in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3). Empire prepared an annual update report with both a public version and a highly-confidential version to document the information presented at the annual update workshop. This report was electronically filed with the Commission in the Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) and sent to stakeholders on March 13, 2015, in File No. EO-2015-0216. This was at least twenty (20) days prior to the annual update workshop, as required by 4 CSR 240-22.080(3)(B). Empire also prepared a PowerPoint presentation that was filed in EFIS and sent to stakeholders, to serve as an outline of the report and to provide talking points to help organize the workshop discussion.

The workshop addressed the special contemporary issues that were established by Commission order in File No. EO-2015-0042, and provided updates since the most recent triennial compliance filing (2013 IRP), which was filed on July 1, 2013, in File No. EO-2013-0547; and the prior annual update filing, which was filed on March 11, 2014, in File No. EO-2014-0243. Stakeholders participating in the annual update workshop by telephone included representatives of the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff (MPSC Staff), Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), the Department of Economic Development –Division of Energy (DED-DE), the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission (MJMEUC), and Dogwood, LLC (Dogwood). The complete list of participants is attached as Appendix A.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3)(C) states as follows: *“The utility shall prepare a summary report that shall list and describe any action items resulting from the workshop to be undertaken by the utility prior to next triennial compliance filing or annual update filing. The summary shall be filed within ten (10) days following the workshop. If there are no changes as a*

*result of the workshop, the utility is required to file a notice that it will not be making any changes to its annual update report.”*

After the stakeholder workshop, Empire compiled the following utility action items based on the Company’s understanding of the workshop discussion. A brief Empire response to each action item is also provided.

**Action item 1:** The annual update report contained a table comparing the most recent demand and energy forecast (2015 annual update forecast) with the base 2013 IRP and the 2014 annual update forecasts. Empire should provide MPSC Staff with a comparison of the 2015 annual update forecast versus the 2013 IRP low load growth forecast.

**Empire response:** Empire provided the required information to MPSC Staff representatives on April 30, 2015, via email.

**Action item 2:** OPC asked if Empire will be filing an amended Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Plan for 2015. Empire’s exemption from solar requirements and solar rebates has been reported in past annual RES Plans. However, Empire’s solar exemption was later struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court and Empire has since submitted a proposed solar rebate tariff to the Missouri Public Service Commission.

**Empire response:** Empire will file an amended RES plan for 2015. Empire will soon be filing a notice that will identify the timing of such a filing.

Empire will not be making any changes to the Annual Update report as a result of the identified action items.

Further, on May 1, 2015, the MPSC Staff filed comments in this case (File No. EO-2015-0216). Empire will respond to the MPSC Staff’s comments in a separate document.

## **Appendix A**

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