

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Application for Variance From)	File No. EE-2015-0249
Selected Provisions of The Commission's Rules)	
to Electric Utility Resource Planning.)	

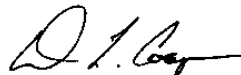
RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (Empire or Company), and, in response to Staff's Recommendations to Empire's Requested Variances (Staff Recommendation), states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission"):

1. On May 11, 2015, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation suggesting that the Commission grant Empire's requests for relief as set forth in the Staff Recommendation.
2. Empire has reviewed the Staff Recommendation, to include the clarifications provided by the Staff and has no objection to Staff's description of the variances to be granted.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order granting Empire a variance from the provisions of 4 CSR 240-3.164, 4 CSR 240-22.030, and 4 CSR 240-22.050, as described in its Application for Variance.

Respectfully submitted,



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