

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

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| In the Matter of the Proposed |) | |
| Amendments to 4 CSR 240-18.010, |) | Case No. EX-2003-0368 |
| Safety Standards. |) | |

COMMENTS OF THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (hereinafter, "Empire") and offers the following comments with regard to the Commission's proposed amendments to its rule 4 CSR 240-18.010 (Safety Standards), as proposed by the Commission in the November 17, 2003, edition of the Missouri Register:

Proposed Section (3) of this rule references the reporting requirements found in 4 CSR 240-3.190(4). Empire's comments with regard to the Reporting Requirements rule are being filed in Case No. EX-2003-0489. Empire has no further comments with respect to the Commission's proposed amendments to the Safety Standards rule.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits the foregoing comments with respect to the Commission's proposed rulemaking in the captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,

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