

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company's 2018 Renewable Energy Standard) File No. EE-2019-0305
Compliance Report and 2019 RES Plan)

**REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
AND NOTICE REGARDING MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company, a Liberty Utilities company ("Empire"), by and through counsel, and in support of its Request for Expedited Treatment and Notice Regarding Motion for Extension of Time, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Pursuant to Commission Rule 240-20.100(8), Empire is to file its 2018 Renewable Energy Standard ("RES") Compliance Report and 2019 RES Compliance Plan by April 15, 2019. As such, Empire requests a ruling on its Motion for Expedited Treatment by noon on April 15, 2019.
2. On April 4, 2019, Empire filed a Motion for Extension of Time, for Protective Order, and for Waiver of the 60-Day Notice Requirement. Regarding the extension of time, Empire stated that it needs additional time for the preparation and filing of its RES Compliance Report and Plan, and requested an extension of approximately 75 days, from April 15 to July 1, 2019.
3. In conjunction with discussions with the Division of Energy ("DE"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), and the Staff of the Commission ("Staff"), Empire determined that the additional time is only needed for the Retail Rate Impact sections of the RES filings. With this limitation, DE, OPC, and Staff all consent to the requested extension of time.

4. Empire filed its Motion for Extension of Time as soon as possible after determining the need for the same and has worked with the parties to reach agreement on the issue. Additionally, Empire filed this Request for Expedited Treatment as soon as possible after reaching agreement with the parties, and no harm will result from the Commission granting the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Empire requests expedited treatment and an order extending the due date for the Retail Rate Impact portions of its 2018/2019 RES Compliance Report and Plan from April 15 to July 1, 2019. Empire requests such other and further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 12th day of April, 2019, with notification of the same being sent to all parties of record.

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