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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric )

Company’s 2017 Annual Update Report Filing ) File No. EO-2017-0233

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22.080(3) )

**EMPIRE’S SUMMARY REPORT**

**REGARDING ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT AND WORKSHOP**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or “Company”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and, pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3)(C), provides this Summary Report regarding the Company’s 2017 Annual Update Report and Workshop. In this regard, Empire respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Serve Commission (“Commission”):

1. On March 10, 2017, Empire submitted its 2017 Integrated Resource Planning (“IRP”) Annual Update Report pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-22.080(3)(B), and the Commission issued a Notice regarding the same on said date.

2. On April 6, 2017, Empire conducted a workshop regarding its 2017 IRP Annual Update Report. A handout regarding this workshop was filed herein on April 5, 2017.

3. The workshop was personally attended by Empire representatives Bethany King and David Holmes, Staff representatives, a representative of the Office of the Public Counsel, a representative of the Missouri Division of Energy (“DE”), and a representative of Renew Missouri. Additional Empire representatives and counsel for the Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission attended by telephone.

4. At the workshop, Empire representatives Bethany King and David Holmes presented information regarding the status of identified critical uncertain factors, progress in implementing Empire’s resource acquisition strategy, changing conditions, Empire’s preferred resource plan, and special contemporary issues.

5. Although there were various questions from the stakeholders, only one action item resulted from the workshop. With regard to special contemporary issue (o) discussed on page 22 of the workshop handout, DE requested more information on “soft costs” related to net metering and interconnection.

6. In response to this request from DE, Empire will amend its 2017 IRP Annual Update Report to add additional information regarding regulatory and statutory barriers to implementation/deployment of distributed generation resources.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully submits this Summary Report. Empire requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS, notifying all counsel of record of the filing, and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this \* day of April, 2017, to all counsel of record.

 /s/ Diana C. Carter\_\_\_\_\_\_