

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Application for Approval of a Transportation Electrification Portfolio for Electric Customers in its Missouri Service Area))))))	Case No. ET-2020-0390
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RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") and for its *Response to Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed an application requesting approval of several transportation electrification pilot programs and alternative accounting treatment under RSMo. § 393.140(8) on November 29, 2020.

2. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed its *Recommendation* regarding Empire's application on January 15, 2021. Staff recommended that the Commission not approve the application as filed and instead order a procedural schedule to be developed.

3. The OPC agrees with Staff's recommendation and also requests that the Commission not approve Empire's application as filed and instead order a procedural schedule to be developed and filed in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission accept this *Response to Staff Recommendation* and grant the relief

