

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)
Company for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing)
Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers) Case No. ER-2014-0351
in the Company's Missouri Service Area)

**MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT
AND APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE TARIFFS**

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire” or the “Company”), by and through counsel, and for its motion for expedited treatment pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(14) and its request for approval of its tariff sheets being submitted pursuant to the Report and Order issued herein on June 24, 2015, and the Order Clarifying Report and Order issued herein on July 1, 2015, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. With its Report and Order, the Commission approved the Revised Stipulation and Agreement and List of Issues filed herein on April 8, 2015 (the “Revised Agreement”), and directed the parties to comply with its terms. The Revised Agreement contains an agreed-to revenue requirement number and addresses the majority of issues in this case, including all true-up issues. The Report and Order, as clarified, also contains decisions on all contested issues and directs Empire to file compliance tariffs by July 7, 2015. Empire’s compliance tariffs have been submitted in EFIS and are in conformity with the Commission’s Report and Order and the Order Clarifying Report and Order.

2. Empire’s compliance tariff sheets bear an issue date of July 7, 2015, and a stated effective date 30 days thereafter. Empire, however, does not believe that thirty days’ notice for the compliance tariffs to become effective is necessary or appropriate under the circumstances. Although RSMo. §393.140(11) indicates that thirty days’ notice is generally required before any

rate filed by an electrical corporation can become effective, Empire believes that the purpose of that requirement has been fully satisfied in this case, and §393.140(11) specifically provides that, for good cause shown, the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.

3. Empire filed its Notice of Intended Case Filing herein on May 28, 2014. On August 29, 2014, Empire submitted revised rate schedules designed to increase Empire's gross annual electric revenues by approximately \$24.3 million, exclusive of applicable gross receipts and sales, franchise, and occupational fees or taxes, with each schedule bearing an effective date of September 28, 2014. If the Commission believes that further good cause must be shown in order to grant this request, the Company states that sufficient good cause exists in that: (a) the tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's Report and Order and the Order Clarifying Report and Order; (b) the Commission and the public have been aware of Empire's request for a rate increase for approximately ten months; (c) the Commission and the parties, through the rate case process, have been able to consider all aspects of the Company's request and the possible impact of a rate increase on Empire's customers; (d) the "operation of law" date herein is July 26, 2015; and (e) the signatory parties to the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on Certain Issues filed herein on April 8, 2015, agreed to work toward a tariff effective date as soon as possible for rates resulting from this proceeding.

4. With the issuance of its Report and Order, the Commission determined that revised rate schedules should be filed by Empire and allowed to become effective. As such, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(14)(B), Empire states that harm from the continuation of the current rates will be avoided and the benefits from the agreements of the parties and orders of the Commission will accrue if this motion is granted, and that the granting of this motion will not have a negative effect on Empire's customers or the public in general.

5. Empire states that this motion is being filed as soon as practical, and, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(14)(A), requests that the Commission act on this motion as soon as possible and issue its order approving Empire's compliance tariffs to take effect prior to July 26, 2015.

WHEREFORE, Empire respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Company's compliance tariff sheets on less than thirty days' notice and granting such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing document was filed in EFIS and that a copy of the same was sent via electronic mail on this 7th day of July, 2015, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Diana C. Carter