

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Empire District	)	
Electric Company for Authority to Issue and Sell Under	)	
Its Existing Indenture of Mortgage and Deed of Trust	)	
Dated as of September 1, 1944, as Amended and	)	<u>File No. EF-2014-0195</u>
Supplemented, up to and Including \$150,000,000	)	
Principal Amount of Its First Mortgage Bonds, in One	)	
Or More Series and to, Among Other Things, Execute	)	
and Deliver a Supplemental Indenture or Indentures	)	
to Provide for the Terms of Said Bonds	)	

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL

COMES NOW Tim Opitz, Assistant Staff Counsel, and hereby submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission the following Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel:

1. Effective July 15, 2014, I resigned my position in the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office. At that time, I was listed as counsel in the above-captioned matter. I am filing this Notice in each case in which I was listed as counsel because I am no longer part of the Commission's Staff Counsel's Office.

2. Staff of the Commission will continue to be represented by the remaining counsel assigned to this case.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully submit this *Withdrawal of Counsel* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully,

/s/ Tim Opitz

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 18th day of July, 2014.

/s/ Tim Opitz