

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

In the Matter of The Empire District)	
Electric Company's Annual Vegetation)	
Management Report Pursuant to)	Case No. EO-20____ - _____
Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030)	

NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE
2016 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire" or "Company"), by and through counsel, and in compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C), hereby files this Notice of Compliance regarding its 2016 Vegetation Management Annual Report.

1. Pursuant to the above-referenced Commission Rule, Empire prepared its 2016 Vegetation Management Report, summarizing its vegetation management practices from the prior year (2016) and outlining the vegetation management planned for the coming year (2017). Pursuant to Rule 23.030(6)(C), the 2016 annual report contains: (a) expenditures for vegetation management in the preceding year; (b) vegetation management budget for the current year; (c) circuits, completion dates and miles trimmed in the preceding year; (d) circuits, completion dates and miles scheduled for the current year; and (e) total distribution miles for the system and corresponding classification between rural and urban.
2. Empire's 2016 Vegetation Management Report was prepared by Samuel McGarrah, Empire's Director of System Performance and Contracts, and is verified by affidavit executed by Martin Penning, Empire's Vice President of Customer Service.

3. Empire's 2016 Vegetation Management Report is attached hereto and has been filed in EFIS under Tracking No. BTVM-2017-0885.

WHEREFORE, The Empire District Electric Company respectfully submits its 2016 Vegetation Management Report prepared in compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-23.030(6)(C).

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail on this 28th day of March, 2017, to Staff Counsel and the Office of the Public Counsel.

/s/ Diana C. Carter