BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of The Empire District Electric Company's Request for Authority to File Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Area

File No. ER-2019-0374

COMMISSIONER RUPP'S ORDER REGARDING EMPIRE HEDGING PRACTICES

Issue Date: January 28, 2020

Effective Date: January 28, 2020

Commissioner Rupp is interested in The Empire District Electric Company's hedging practices. Empire has indicated that it has made changes to its hedging practices based upon a third-party evaluation of its practices. So that the Commissioner has sufficient information to evaluate Empires hedging practices, the Commission's Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Empire shall provide testimony comparing Empire's current and past hedging practices. Other parties may also file testimony regarding Empires hedging practices.

COMMISSIONER RUPP ORDERS THAT:

1. The Empire District Electric Company shall supplement its direct testimony to provide a comparison of its present and past hedging practices no later than February 4, 2020, including a copy of its third-party reviewer's report.

2. The Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel shall file rebuttal testimony comparing Empire's current and past hedging practices no later than March 3, 2020.

3. Any other party may file rebuttal testimony comparing Empire's current and past hedging practices no later than March 3, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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Scott T. Rupp Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, On this 28th day of January, 2020.