DEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's 2019 Triennial Compliance Filing)	File No. EO-2019-0049
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-22)	

ORDER PROVIDING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING INTERVENTION DEADLINE, AND DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: September 20, 2018 Effective Date: September 20, 2018

On September 20, 2018, The Empire District Electric Company (Empire) filed an Application for Variance with the Commission, requesting that the Commission grant it variances from certain requirements of the Commission's integrated resource planning rule, 4 CSR 240-22. Specifically, Empire seeks a variance from provisions of Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-22.030 and 4 CSR 240-20.094 related to Demand-Side Resource Analysis and Load Analysis and Forecasting of Electric Utility Resource Planning.

Since the Commission's decision to grant or deny the requested variances may affect the substance of Empire's integrated resource plan filing, the Commission will provide notice to potentially interested parties and the public, and will establish an intervention deadline. In addition, the Commission will establish a date for its Staff and other interested parties to offer recommendations regarding Empire's request for variances.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to all parties to Empire's most recent general rate proceeding, ER-2016-0023, and its most recent integrated resource plan triennial compliance filing, EO-2016-0223.

- 2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Empire's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing Empire's service area.
- 3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application to do so no later than October 10, 2018.
- 4. Staff shall file its recommendation regarding Empire's Application for Variance no later than October 25, 2018
- 5. Any other party wishing to respond to Empire's Application for Variance shall do so no later than October 25, 2018.
 - 6. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of September, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 21st day of September 2018.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION September 21, 2018

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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