

**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)	

STAFF'S REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and hereby submits its *Request for Extension*, stating as follows:

1. On December 20, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed an application requesting authority to issue and sell under its existing indenture of mortgage and deed of trust dated as of September 1, 1944, as amended and 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.

2. On December 26, 2013, the Commission issued an Order in this case directing Staff to file a recommendation by February 7, 2014.

3. At this time Staff continues its investigation related to this application; however due to the press of other business, Staff requires more time to review information recently received from the company before making its recommendation.

Therefore, Staff respectfully requests an extension of time until March 6, 2014 to file its recommendation. Counsel for Empire and the Office of Public Counsel have represented to Staff that they do not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests an extension until March 6, 2014, in order to complete its investigation and file its Recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 27th day of January, 2014.

/s/ Tim Opitz