

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

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric       )  
Company's Submission of its 2013 Renewable       )  
Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan            )

**File No. EO-2013-0458**

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE AND SETTING FILING DEADLINES**

Issue Date: April 16, 2013

Effective Date: April 16, 2013

On April 15, 2013, The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") its Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-20.100. On the same date, Empire also filed a *Request for Waiver or Variance from 4 CSR 240-20.100(7)(B)1.F and Motion for Expedited Treatment* ("Motion").

The Commission will give notice and establish a deadline for Staff to file a report and for other interested entities to file comments regarding the Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan. The Commission will also establish a deadline for any entities wishing to respond to the Motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon each party to File Numbers ER-2012-0345 and EO-2012-0336.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county within The Empire District Electric Company's service area.

3. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing The Empire District Electric Company's service area and to the news media serving that service area.

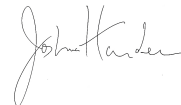
4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall examine The Empire District Electric Company's Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan and file a report of its review no later than May 30, 2013.

5. No later than May 30, 2013, the Office of the Public Counsel and any other interested person or entity may file comments regarding The Empire District Electric Company's Annual Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan.

6. Any person or entity wishing to respond to The Empire District Electric Company's Motion shall do so no later than April 25, 2013.

7. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Joshua Harden  
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2013.