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Chief RLJ Morris L. Woodruff, Secretary
Missouri Public Service Commission
P. O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire")
2017 Renewable Energy Standard ("RES") Compliance Report and 2018 Plan**

Dear Judge Woodruff:


On behalf of Empire, I am providing herewith for filing with the Missouri Public Service Commission, in electronic form, Empire's 2017 RES Compliance Report and 2018 RES Compliance Plan, in three versions: public, confidential, and highly confidential. A Motion for Protective Order regarding the highly confidential designation was filed with the Commission on April 10, 2018, and assigned File No. EO-2018-0285.

Empire's RES Compliance Report and Plan were prepared in compliance with Commission Rule 240-20.100. Pursuant to the Commission's Rule, Empire will post the public version of its RES Compliance Report on its website.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these filings.

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