BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of The Empire District Electric)	
Company's Request for Authority to File)	
Tariffs Increasing Rates for Electric Service)	Case No. ER-2020-0396
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service A	Area)	

NOTICE REGARDING CHANGE IN INTENDED FILING DATE

COMES NOW The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire"), and for its Notice Regarding Change in Intended Filing Date, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the "Commission"):

- 1. On June 4, 2020, Empire submitted a Notice of Intended Case Filing pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017, initiating this docket. At the time, Empire intended to file a general rate case in the coming months.
- 2. Due to changes in circumstances, including the date of conclusion of Empire's prior general rate case (Commission Case No. ER-2019-0374), filing obligations in various states, and impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Empire will not be filing a new general rate case within 180 days of June 4, 2020.
- 3. Empire intends to file its next general rate case for its Missouri electric service area in May of 2021, and, as such, intends to file a new Notice of Intended Case Filing pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017 in March of 2021. That case will be Empire's first rate case addressing its investments being made pursuant to the Certificates of Convenience and Necessity granted in Case No. EA-2019-0010 for the Kings Point and North Fork Ridge wind generation facilities located in the Missouri counties of Barton, Dade, Jasper, and Lawrence and the Neosho Ridge wind generation facility located in Neosho County, Kansas.

WHEREFORE, Empire submits to the Commission this Notice Regarding Change in Intended Filing Date and requests such relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the above document was filed in EFIS on this 20th day of October, 2020, and sent by electronic transmission to the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and all counsel of record in Case No. ER-2019-0374.

/s/ Diana C. Carter