

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

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

Staff Report

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and hereby tenders its *Staff Report*, as required by Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-22.080(7), being a limited review of the triennial compliance filing filed on June 28, 2019, by The Empire District Electric Company. As required by the cited rule, Staff identifies any deficiencies in the electric utility's compliance with the provisions of Chapter 22, any major deficiencies in the methodologies or analyses required to be performed by Chapter 22, and any other deficiencies and provides at least one suggested remedy for each identified deficiency. Staff also identifies concerns with the utility's triennial compliance filing, concerns related to the substantive reasonableness of the preferred resource plan or resource acquisition strategy, and provides at least one suggested remedy for each identified concern. As a result of its limited review, and as more fully discussed throughout the attached *Report*, Staff has identified thirteen (13) deficiencies and five (5) concerns regarding Empire's IRP Filing.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Report* on its limited review of the triennial compliance filing filed on June 28, 2019, by The Empire District Electric Company.

Respectfully submitted,

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on all parties as identified in the Service List maintained for this case by the Commission's Data Center, on this **28th Day of February, 2020**.

/s/ Kevin A. Thompson